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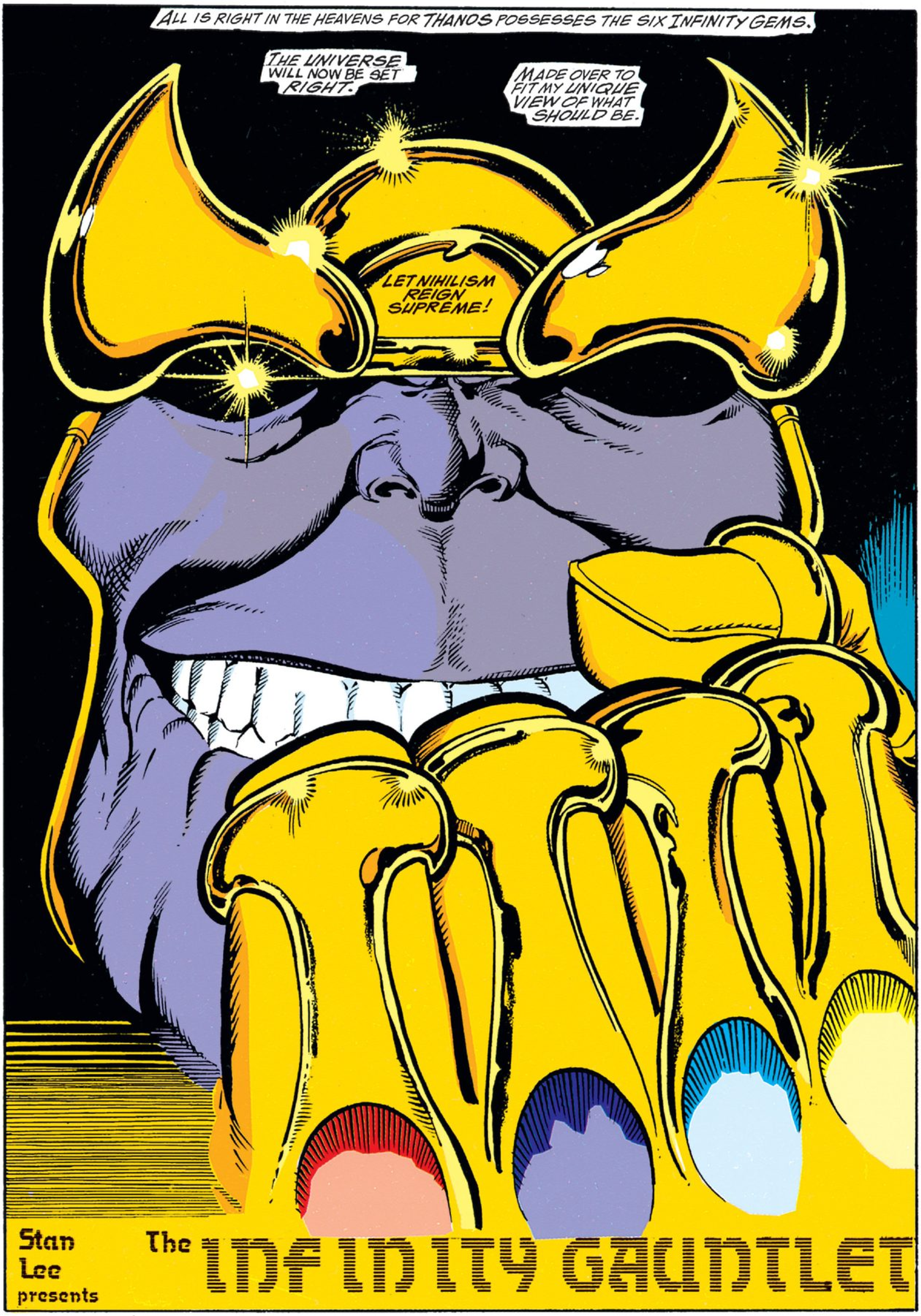
ALL IS RIGHT IN THE HEAVENS FOR THANOS POSSESSES THE SIX INFINITY GEMS.
THE UNIVERSE WILL NOW BE SET RIGHT.
MADE OVER TO FIT MY UNIQUE VIEW OF WHAT SHOULD BE.
LET NIHILISM REIGN SUPREME!
Stan Lee presents
The INFINITY GAUNTLET

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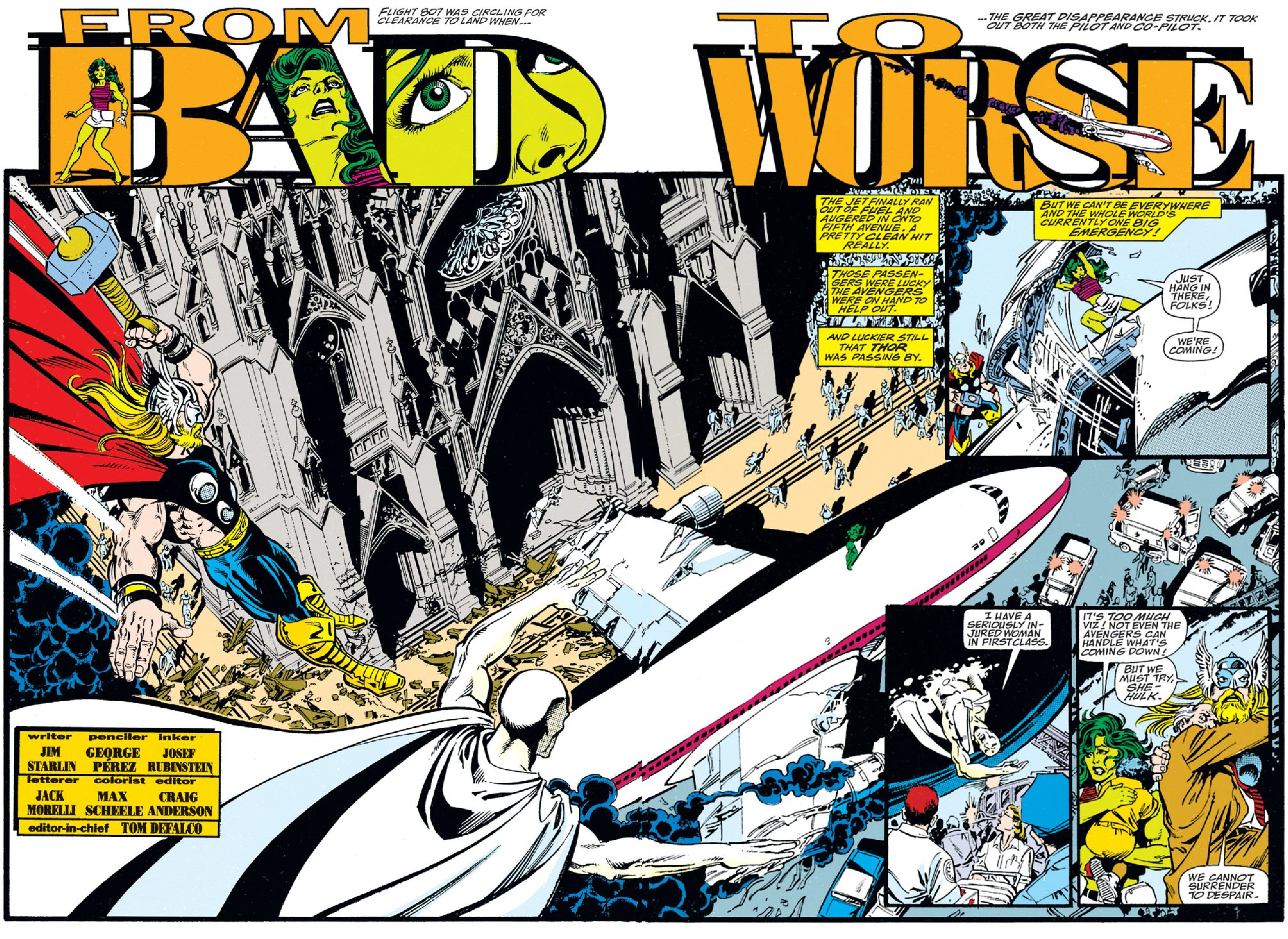
FROM BAD TO WORSE


FLIGHT 807 WAS CIRCLING FOR CLEARANCE TO LAND WHEN---
...THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE STRUCK. IT TOOK OUT BOTH THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT.
THE JET FINALLY RAN OUT OF FUEL AND AUGERED IN ONTO FIFTH AVENUE. A PRETTY CLEAN HIT REALLY.
THOSE PASSENGERS WERE LUCKY THE AVENGERS WERE ON HAND TO HELP OUT.
AND LUCKIER STILL THAT THOR WAS PASSING BY.
BUT WE CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE AND THE WHOLE WORLD'S CURRENTLY ONE BIG EMERGENCY!
JUST HANG IN THERE, FOLKS!
WE'RE COMING!
I HAVE A SERIOUSLY INJURED WOMAN IN FIRST CLASS.
IT'S TOO MUCH VIZ! NOT EVEN THE AVENGERS CAN HANDLE WHAT'S COMING DOWN!
BUT WE MUST TRY, SHE-HULK.
WE CANNOT SURRENDER TO DESPAIR.

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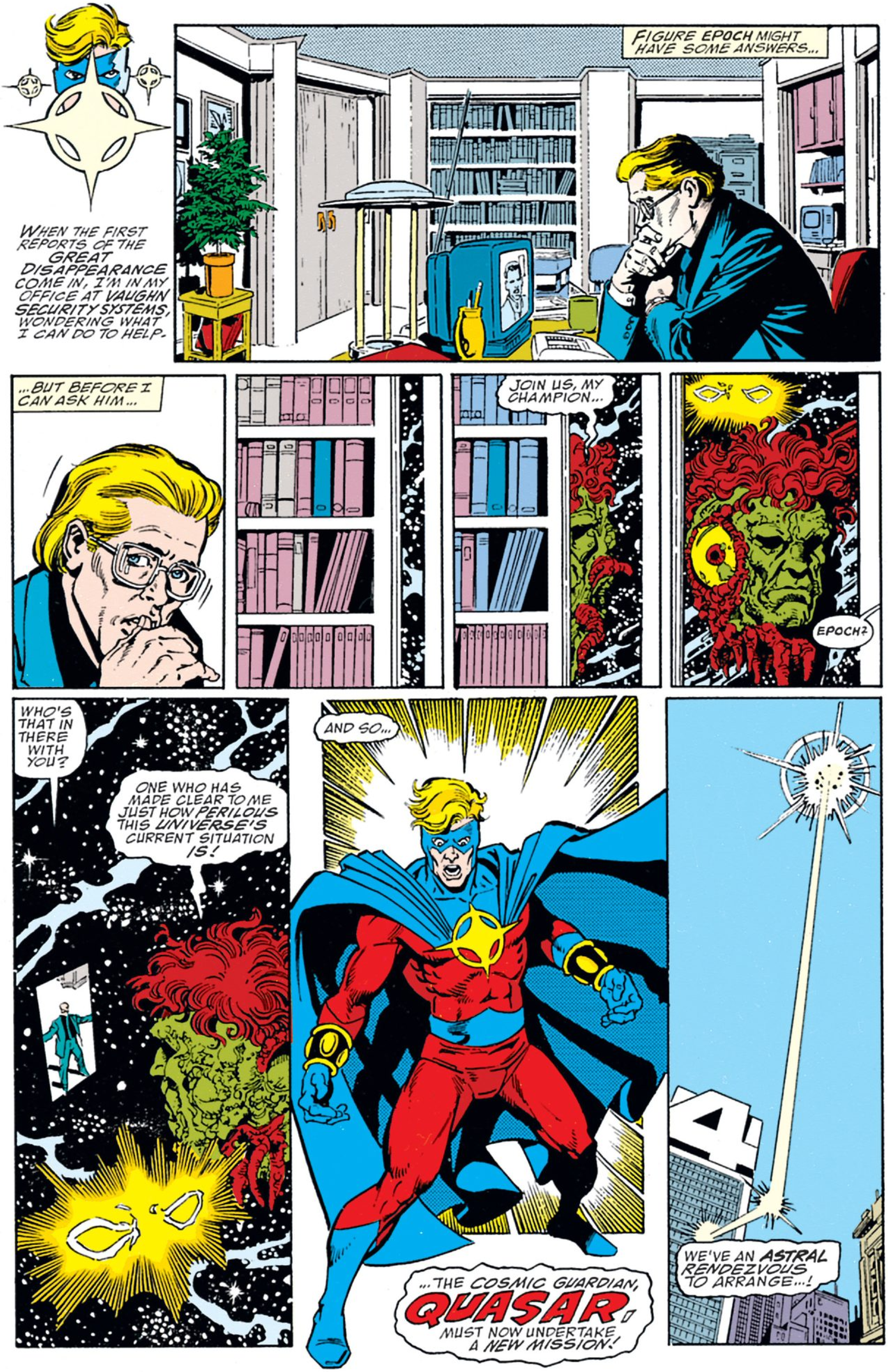
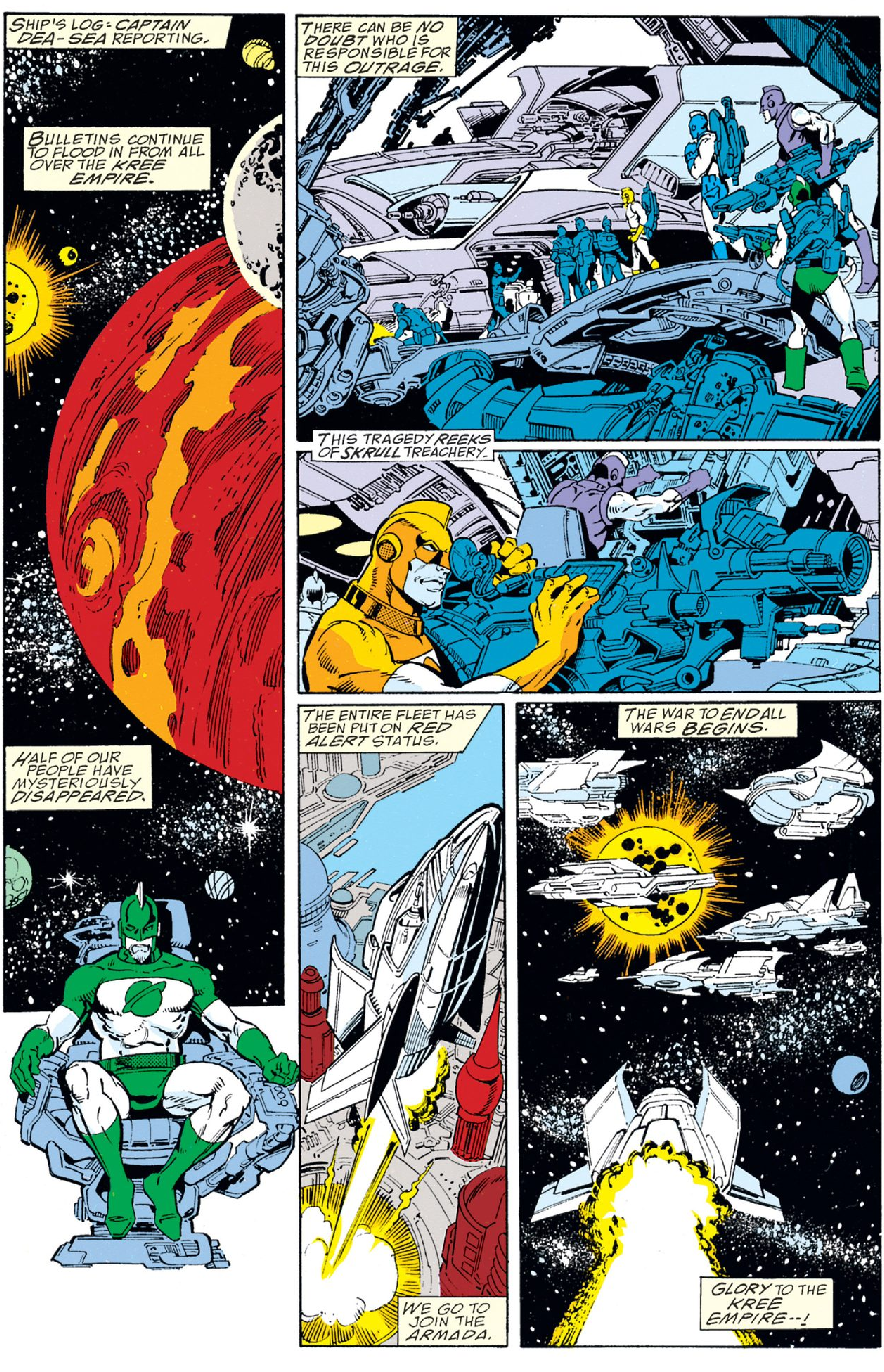
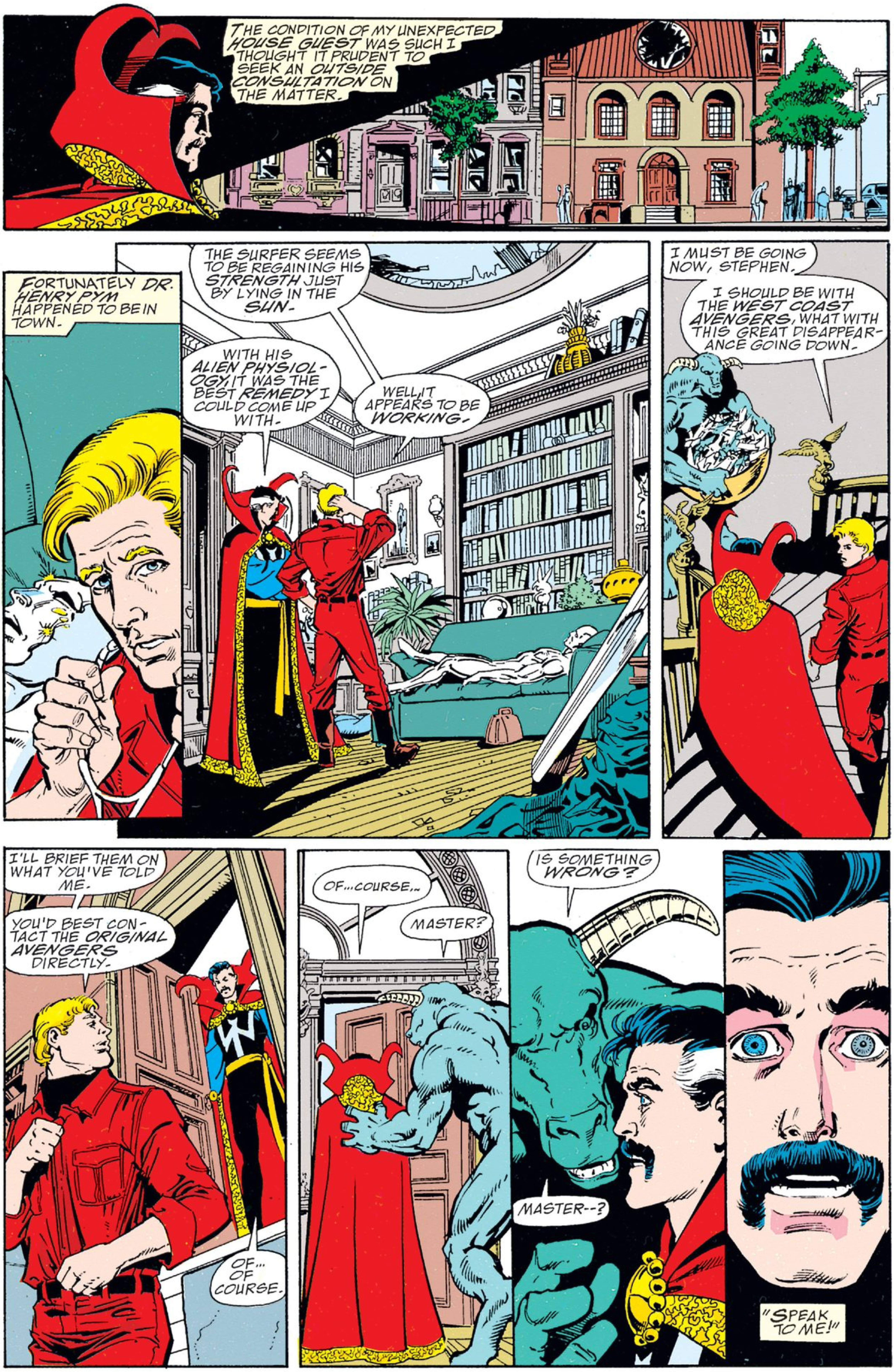
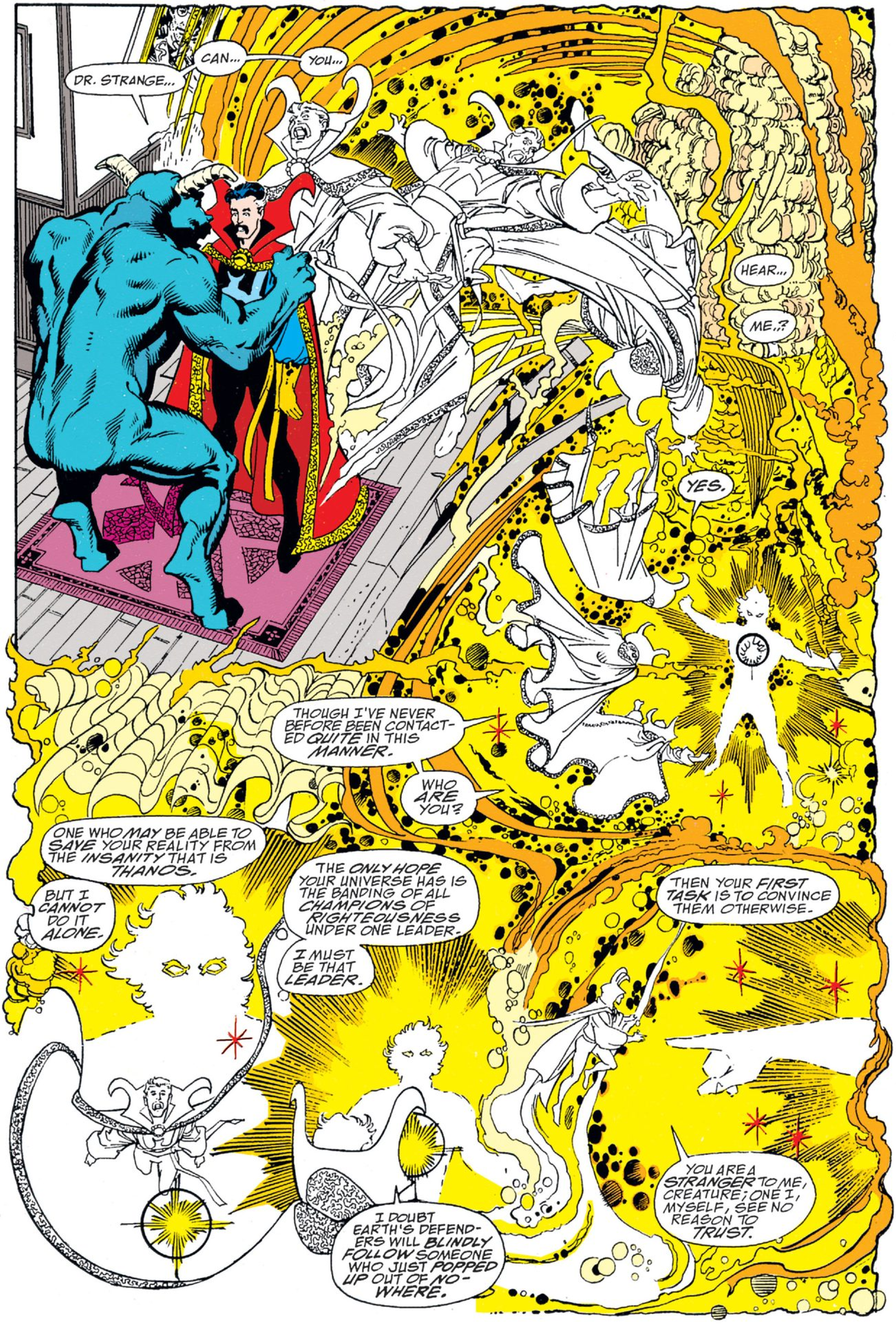
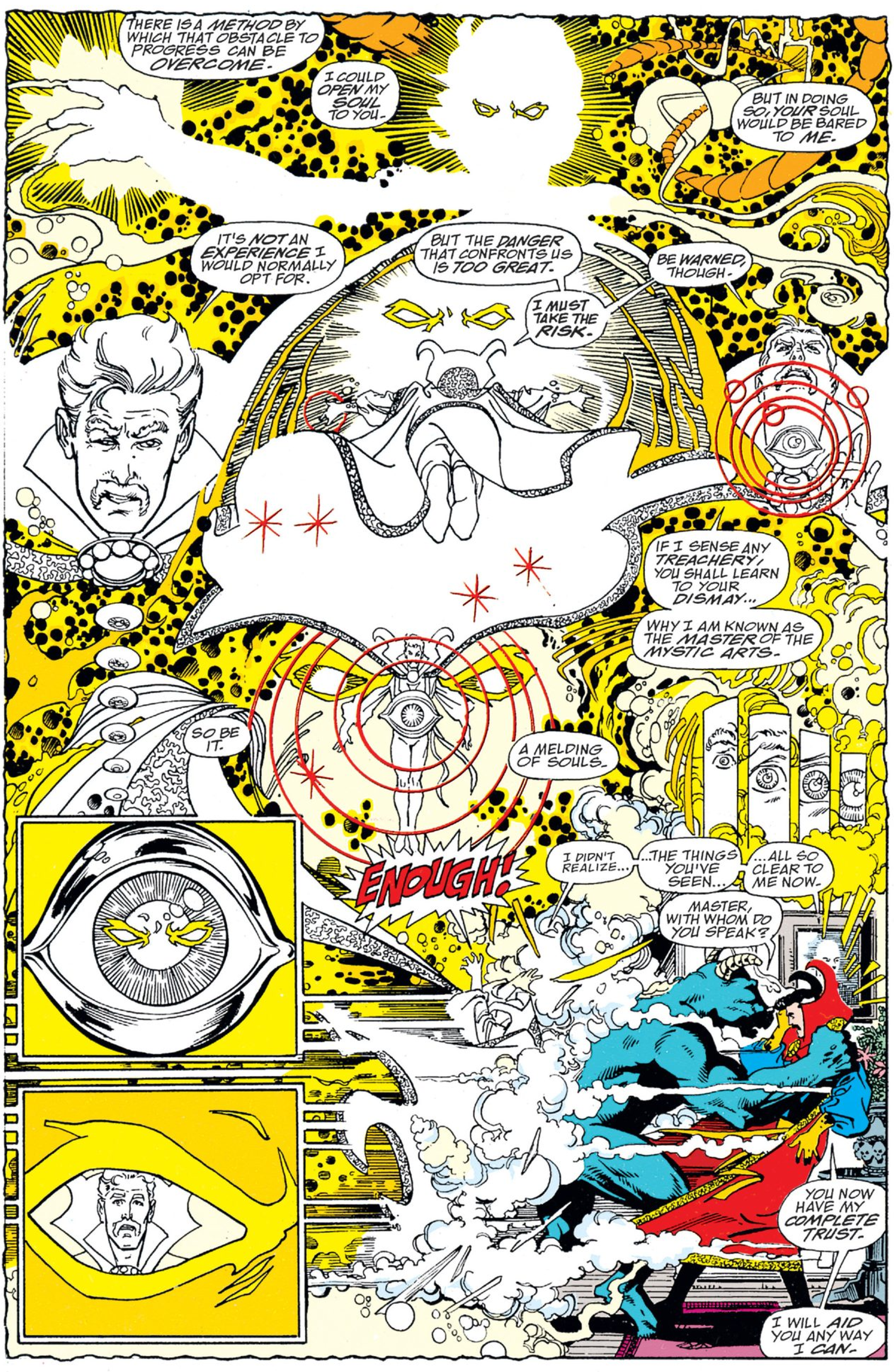
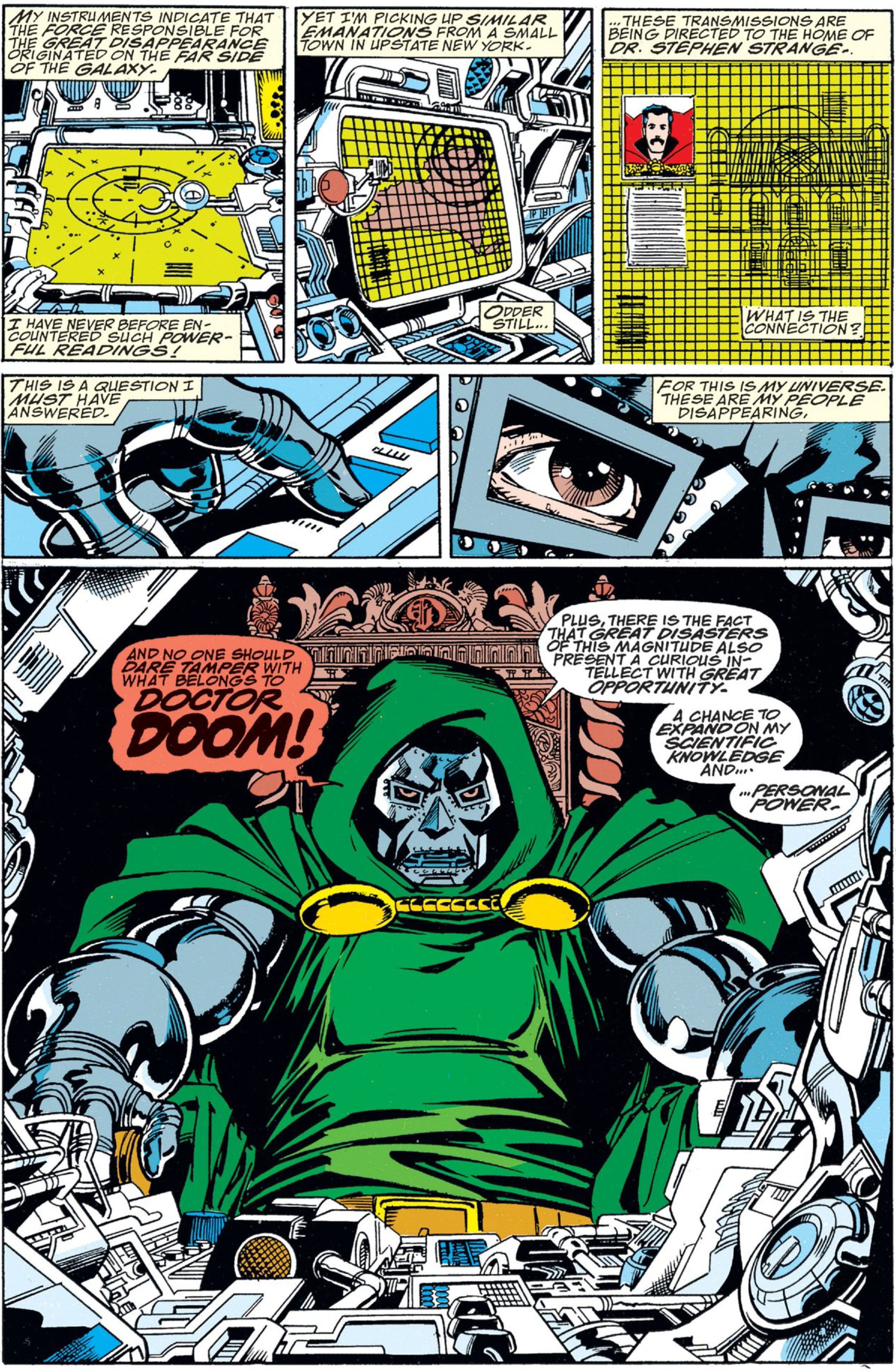

WHEN THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE COME IN, I'M IN MY OFFICE AT VAUGHN SECURITY SYSTEMS, WONDERING WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP.
FIGURE EPOCH MIGHT HAVE SOME ANSWERS...
...BUT BEFORE I CAN ASK HIM...
JOIN US, MY CHAMPION...
EPOCH?
WHO'S THAT IN THERE WITH YOU?
ONE WHO HAS MADE CLEAR TO ME JUST HOW PERILOUS THIS UNIVERSE'S CURRENT SITUATION IS!
AND SO...
...THE COSMIC GUARDIAN, QUASAR, MUST NOW UNDERTAKE A NEW MISSION!
WE'VE AN ASTRAL RENDEZVOUS TO ARRANGE...!

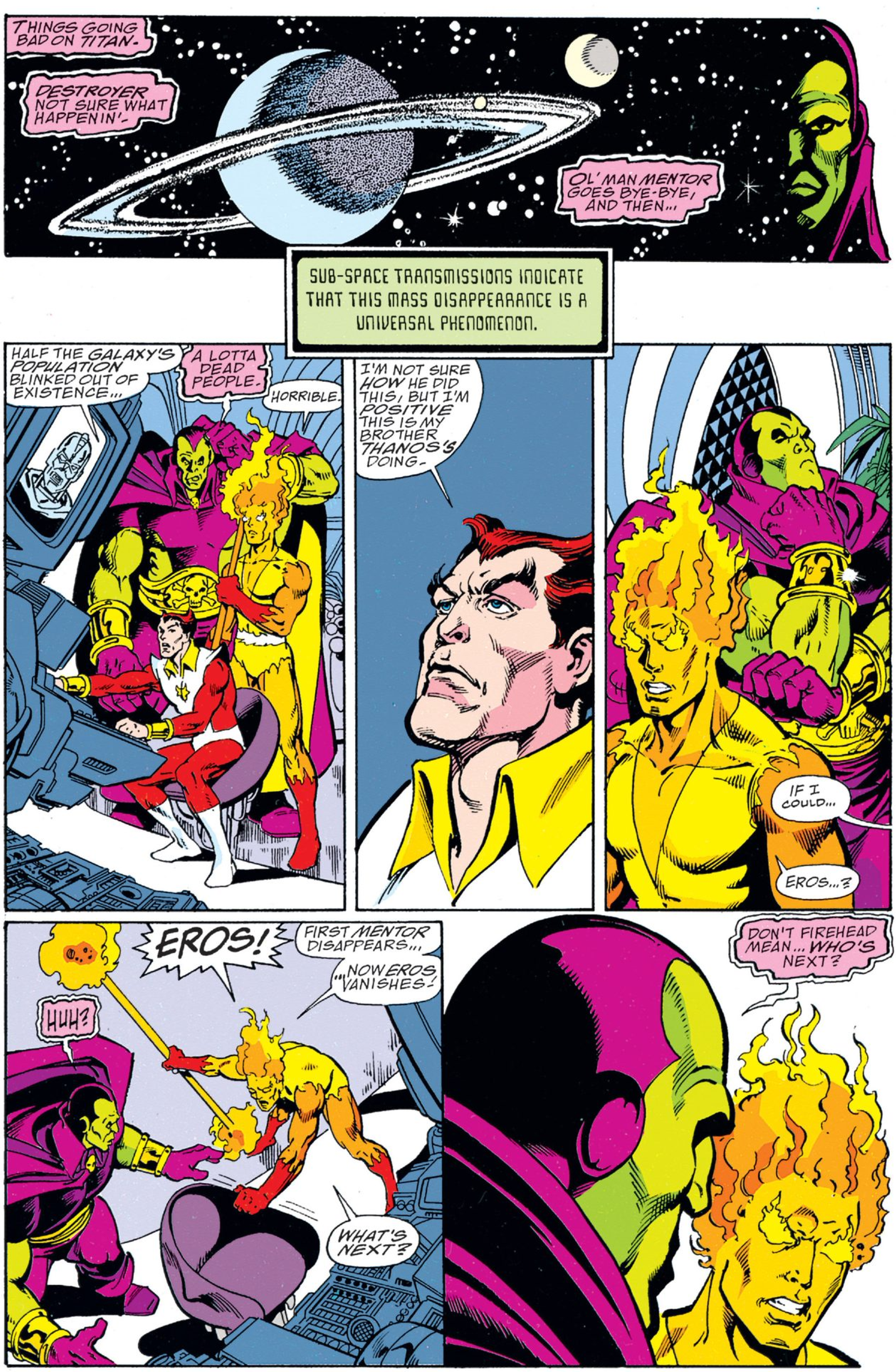

SHIP'S LOG: CAPTAIN DEA-SEA REPORTING.
BULLETINS CONTINUE TO FLOOD IN FROM ALL OVER THE KREE EMPIRE.
HALF OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED.
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OUTRAGE.
THIS TRAGEDY REEKS OF SKRULL TREACHERY.
THE ENTIRE FLEET HAS BEEN PUT ON RED ALERT STATUS.
WE GO TO JOIN THE ARMADA.
THE WAR TO END ALL WARS BEGINS.
GLORY TO THE KREE EMPIRE--!

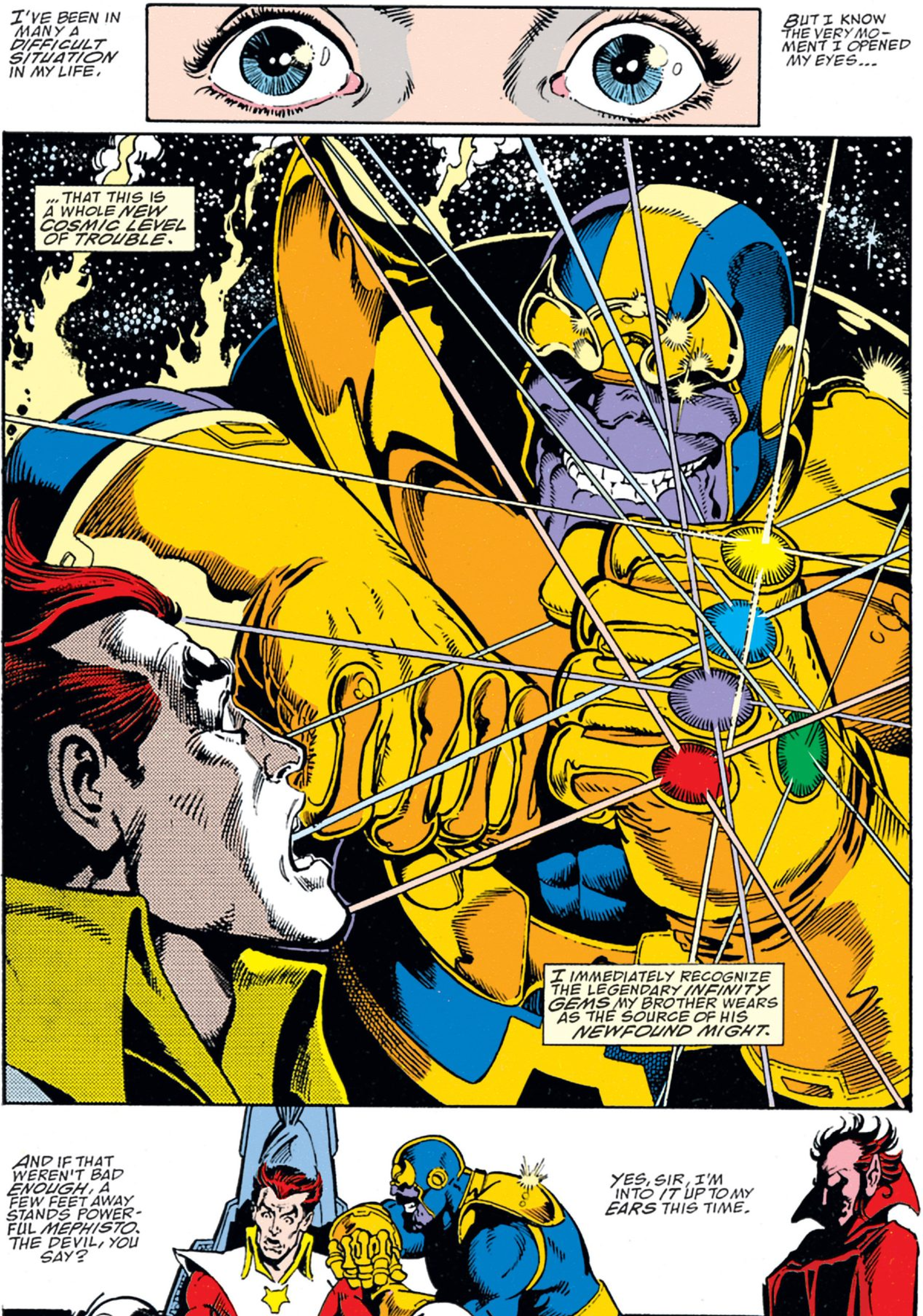

THE CONDITION OF MY UNEXPECTED HOUSE GUEST WAS SUCH I THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO SEEK AN OUTSIDE CONSULTATION ON THE MATTER.
FORTUNATELY DR. HENRY PYM HAPPENED TO BE IN TOWN.
THE SURFER SEEMS TO BE REGAINING HIS STRENGTH JUST BY LYING IN THE SUN--
WITH HIS ALIEN PHYSIOLOGY, IT WAS THE BEST REMEDY I COULD COME UP WITH.
WELL, IT APPEARS TO BE WORKING.
I MUST BE GOING NOW, STEPHEN.
I SHOULD BE WITH THE WEST COAST AVENGERS, WHAT WITH THIS GREAT DISAPPEARANCE GOING DOWN.
I'LL BRIEF THEM ON WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME.
YOU'D BEST CONTACT THE ORIGINAL AVENGERS DIRECTLY.
OF... OF COURSE.
OF...COURSE...
MASTER?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
MASTER--?
"SPEAK TO ME!"

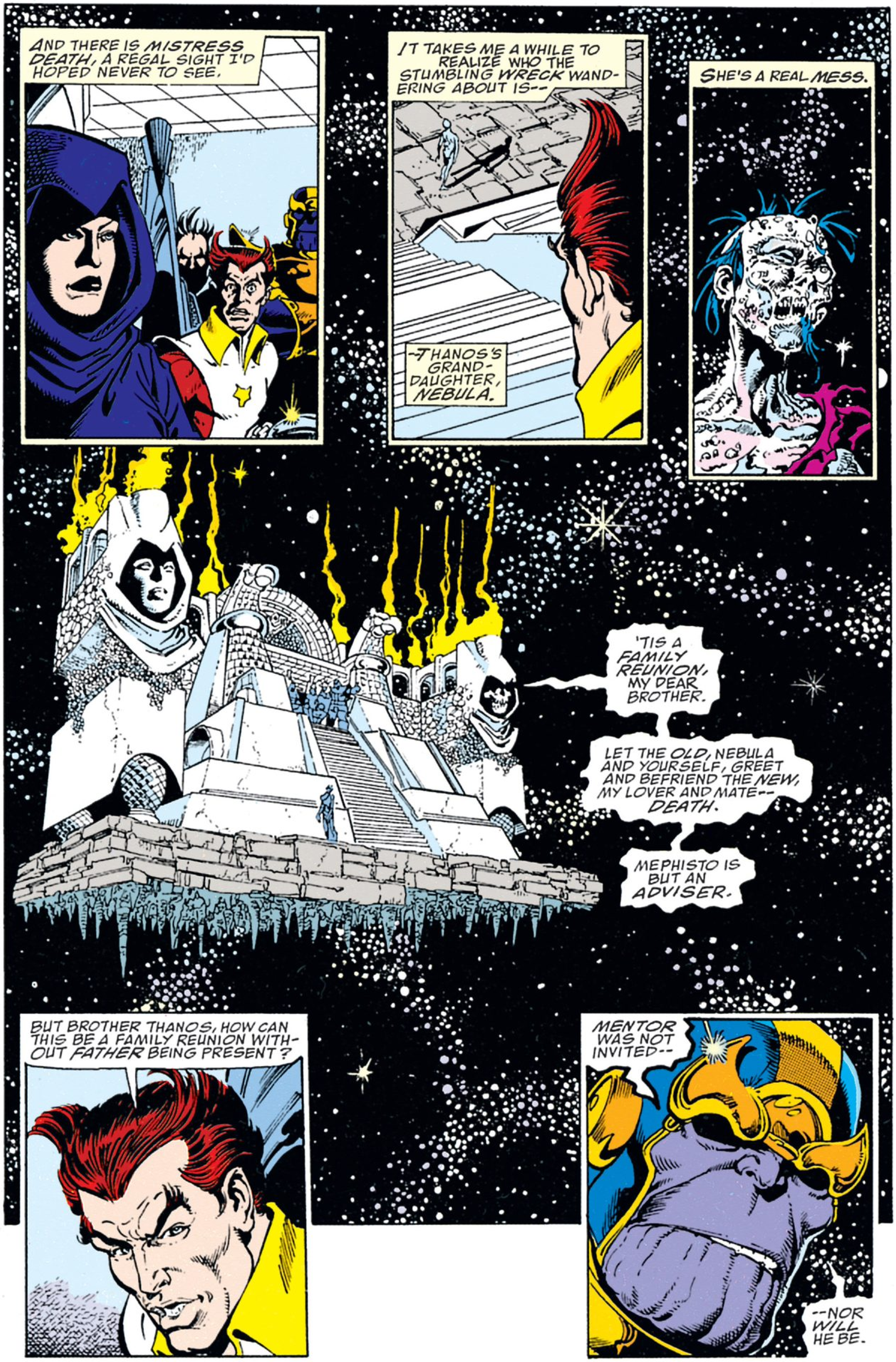

DR. STRANGE...
CAN...
YOU...
HEAR...
ME..?
YES.
THOUGH I'VE NEVER BEFORE BEEN CONTACTED QUITE IN THIS MANNER.
WHO ARE YOU?
ONE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR REALITY FROM THE INSANITY THAT IS THANOS.
BUT I CANNOT DO IT ALONE.
THE ONLY HOPE YOUR UNIVERSE HAS IS THE BANDING OF ALL CHAMPIONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNDER ONE LEADER.
I MUST BE THAT LEADER.
YOU ARE A STRANGER TO ME, CREATURE; ONE I, MYSELF, SEE NO REASON TO TRUST.
I DOUBT EARTH'S DEFENDERS WILL BLINDLY FOLLOW SOMEONE WHO JUST POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE.
THEN YOUR FIRST TASK IS TO CONVINCE THEM OTHERWISE.

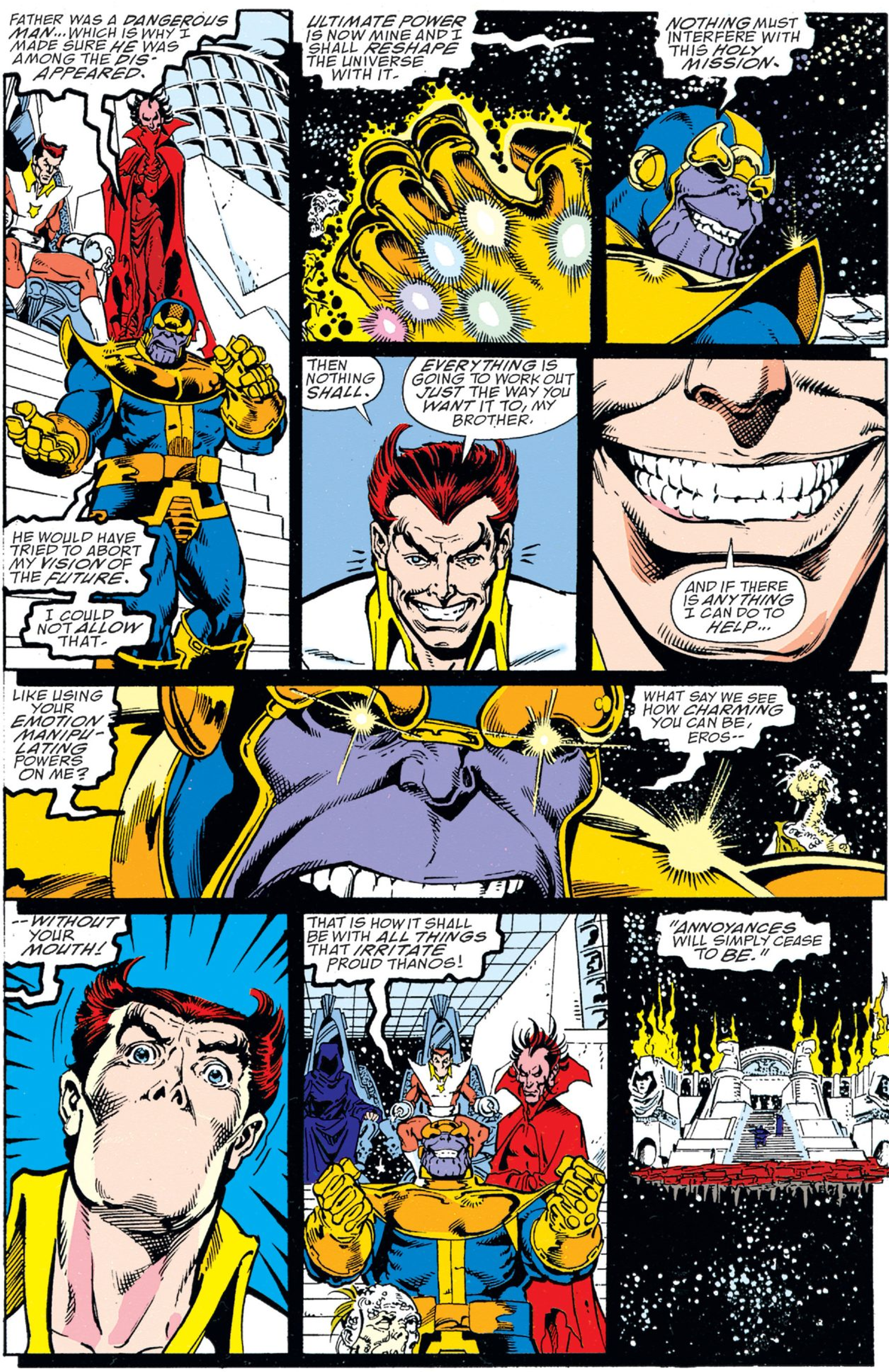

THERE IS A METHOD BY WHICH THAT OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS CAN BE OVERCOME.
I COULD OPEN MY SOUL TO YOU.
BUT IN DOING SO, YOUR SOUL WOULD BE BARED TO ME.
IT'S NOT AN EXPERIENCE I WOULD NORMALLY OPT FOR.
BUT THE DANGER THAT CONFRONTS US IS TOO GREAT.
I MUST TAKE THE RISK.
BE WARNED, THOUGH.
IF I SENSE ANY TREACHERY, YOU SHALL LEARN TO YOUR DISMAY...
WHY I AM KNOWN AS THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.
SO BE IT.
A MELDING OF SOULS.
ENOUGH!
I DIDN'T REALIZE...
...THE THINGS YOU'VE SEEN...
...ALL SO CLEAR TO ME NOW.
MASTER, WITH WHOM DO YOU SPEAK?
YOU NOW HAVE MY COMPLETE TRUST.
I WILL AID YOU ANY WAY I CAN.

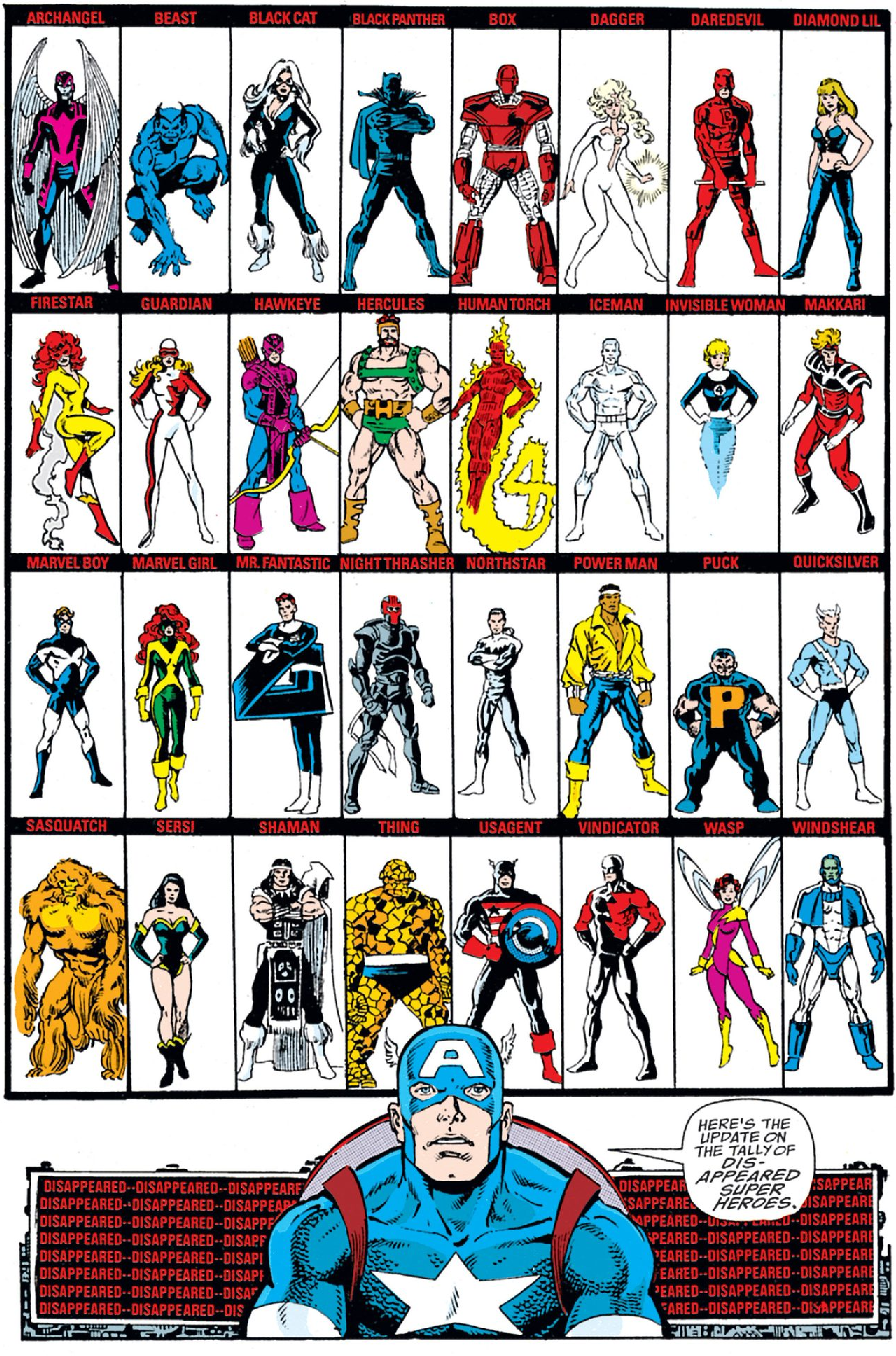

MY INSTRUMENTS INDICATE THAT THE FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE ORIGINATED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE GALAXY.
I HAVE NEVER BEFORE ENCOUNTERED SUCH POWERFUL READINGS!
YET I'M PICKING UP SIMILAR EMANATIONS FROM A SMALL TOWN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.
ODDER STILL...
...THESE TRANSMISSIONS ARE BEING DIRECTED TO THE HOME OF DR. STEPHEN STRANGE.
WHAT IS THE CONNECTION?
THIS IS A QUESTION I MUST HAVE ANSWERED.
FOR THIS IS MY UNIVERSE. THESE ARE MY PEOPLE DISAPPEARING.
PLUS, THERE IS THE FACT THAT GREAT DISASTERS OF THIS MAGNITUDE ALSO PRESENT A CURIOUS INTELLECT WITH GREAT OPPORTUNITY.
A CHANCE TO EXPAND ON MY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND...
...PERSONAL POWER.
AND NO ONE SHOULD DARE TAMPER WITH WHAT BELONGS TO DOCTOR DOOM!


THINGS GOING BAD ON TITAN-
DESTROYER NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENIN'-
OL' MAN MENTOR GOES BYE-BYE, AND THEN...
SUB-SPACE TRANSMISSIONS INDICATE THAT THIS MASS DISAPPEARANCE IS A UNIVERSAL PHENOMENON.
HALF THE GALAXY'S POPULATION BLINKED OUT OF EXISTENCE...
A LOTTA DEAD PEOPLE.
HORRIBLE.
I'M NOT SURE HOW HE DID THIS, BUT I'M POSITIVE THIS IS MY BROTHER THANOS'S DOING-
IF I COULD...
EROS...?
EROS!
FIRST MENTOR DISAPPEARS...
...NOW EROS VANISHES!
HUH?
WHAT'S NEXT?
DON'T FIREHEAD MEAN... WHO'S NEXT?


I'VE BEEN IN MANY A DIFFICULT SITUATION IN MY LIFE.
BUT I KNOW THE VERY MOMENT I OPENED MY EYES...
...THAT THIS IS A WHOLE NEW COSMIC LEVEL OF TROUBLE.
I IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE THE LEGENDARY INFINITY GEMS MY BROTHER WEARS AS THE SOURCE OF HIS NEWFOUND MIGHT.
AND IF THAT WEREN'T BAD ENOUGH, A FEW FEET AWAY STANDS POWERFUL MEPHISTO. THE DEVIL, YOU SAY?
YES, SIR, I'M INTO IT UP TO MY EARS THIS TIME.


AND THERE IS MISTRESS DEATH, A REGAL SIGHT I'D HOPED NEVER TO SEE.
IT TAKES ME A WHILE TO REALIZE WHO THE STUMBLING WRECK WANDERING ABOUT IS--
--THANOS'S GRAND-DAUGHTER, NEBULA.
SHE'S A REAL MESS.
'TIS A FAMILY REUNION, MY DEAR BROTHER.
LET THE OLD, NEBULA AND YOURSELF, GREET AND BEFRIEND THE NEW, MY LOVER AND MATE--DEATH.
MEPHISTO IS BUT AN ADVISER.
BUT BROTHER THANOS, HOW CAN THIS BE A FAMILY REUNION WITHOUT FATHER BEING PRESENT?
MENTOR WAS NOT INVITED--
--NOR WILL HE BE.


FATHER WAS A *DANGEROUS* MAN... WHICH IS WHY I MADE SURE *HE* WAS AMONG THE *DISAPPEARED*.
HE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO ABORT MY *VISION* OF THE *FUTURE*.
I COULD NOT *ALLOW* THAT.
ULTIMATE POWER IS NOW MINE AND I SHALL *RESHAPE* THE UNIVERSE WITH IT.
NOTHING MUST INTERFERE WITH THIS *HOLY MISSION*.
THEN NOTHING *SHALL*.
EVERYTHING IS GOING TO WORK OUT *JUST* THE WAY YOU *WANT* IT TO, MY BROTHER.
AND IF THERE IS *ANYTHING* I CAN DO TO *HELP*...
LIKE USING YOUR *EMOTION MANIPULATING* POWERS ON ME?
WHAT SAY WE SEE HOW *CHARMING* YOU CAN BE, EROS--
--*WITHOUT YOUR MOUTH*!
THAT IS HOW IT SHALL BE WITH *ALL THINGS* THAT *IRRITATE* PROUD THANOS!
"*ANNOYANCES* WILL SIMPLY CEASE TO *BE*."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FIRESTAR
GUARDIAN
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HERCULES
HUMAN TORCH
ICEMAN
INVISIBLE WOMAN
MAKKARI
MARVEL BOY
MARVEL GIRL
MR. FANTASTIC
NIGHT THRASHER
NORTHSTAR
POWER MAN
PUCK
QUICKSILVER
SASQUATCH
SERSI
SHAMAN
THING
USAGENT
VINDICATOR
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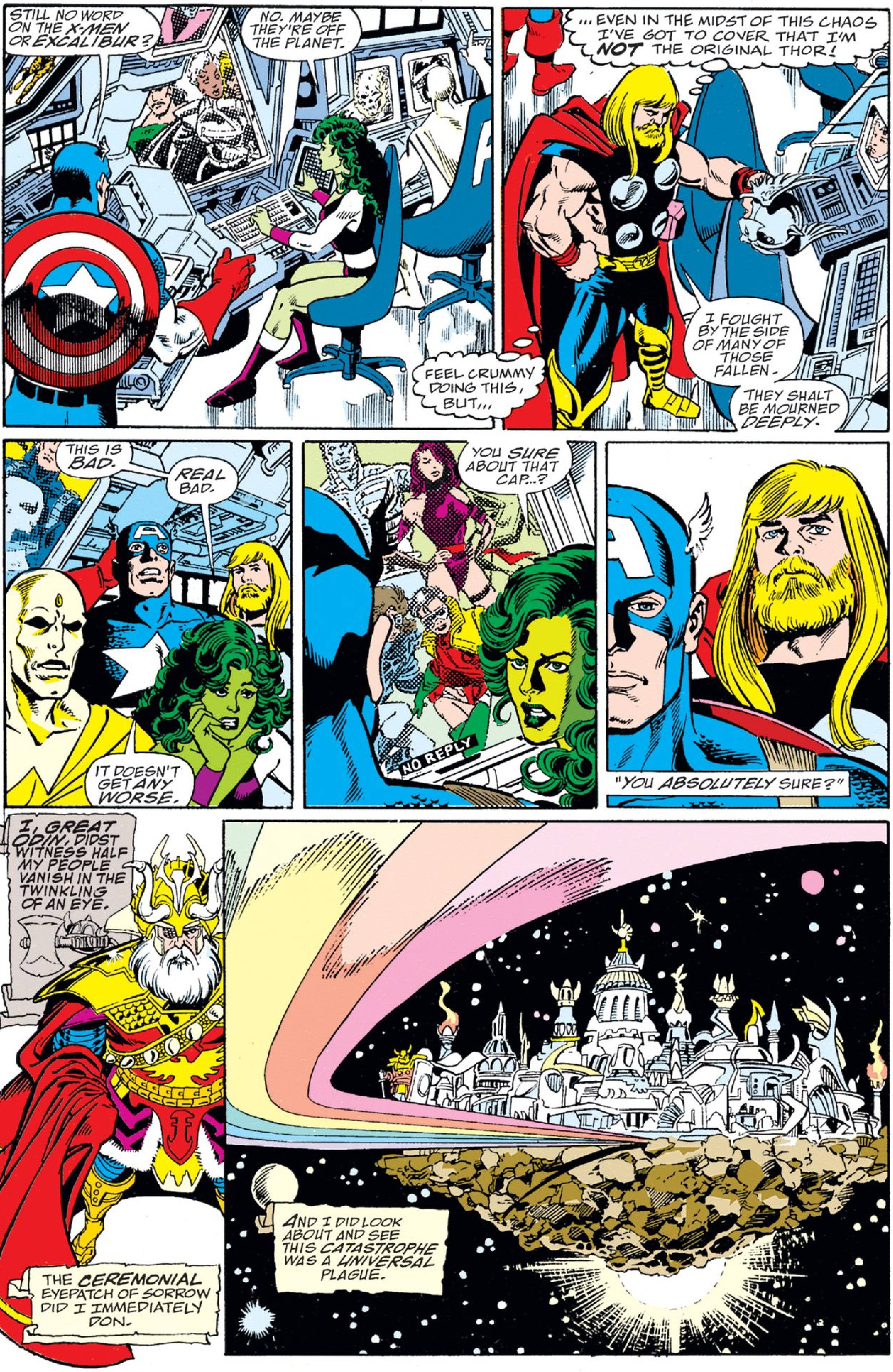
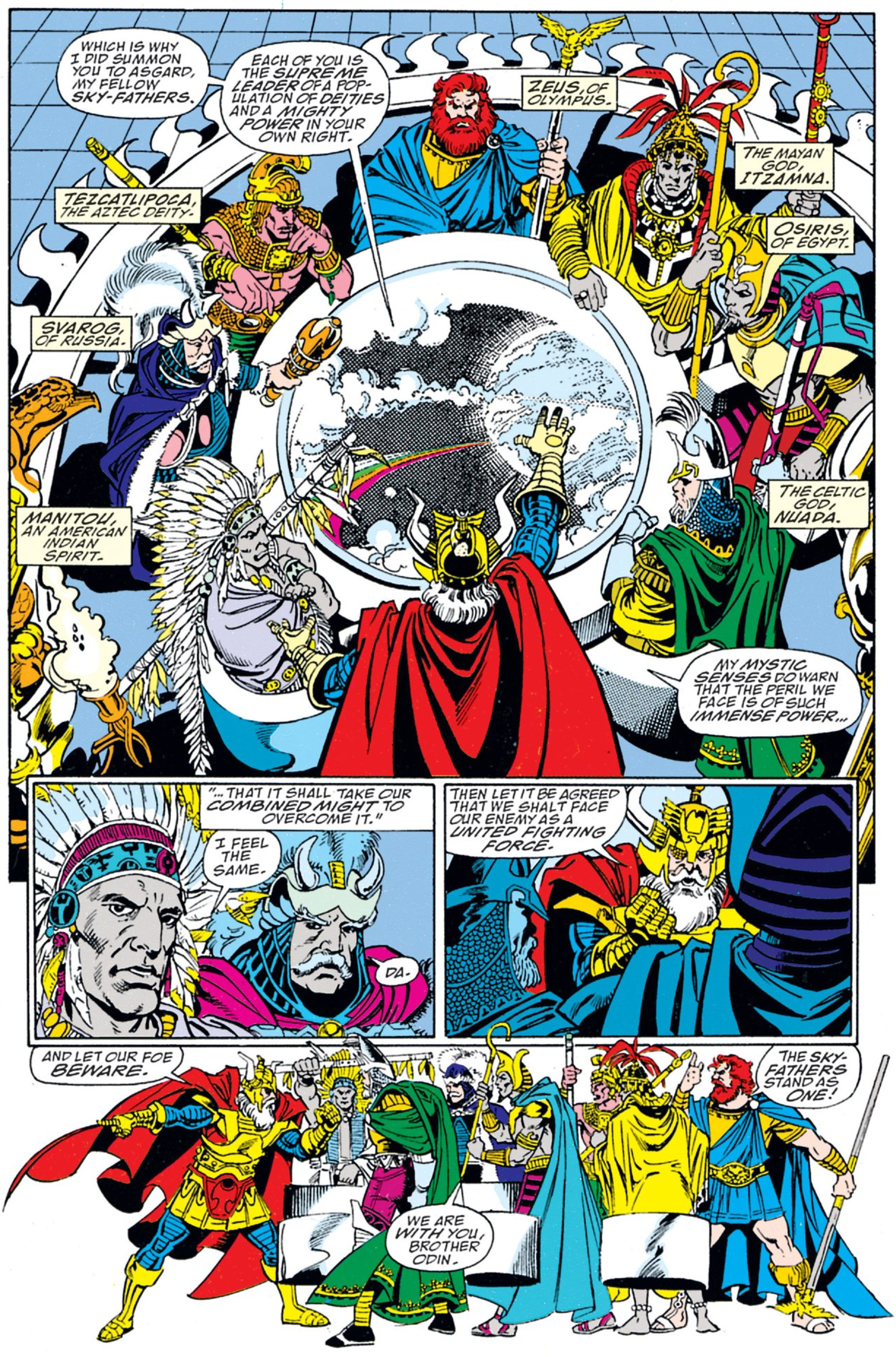
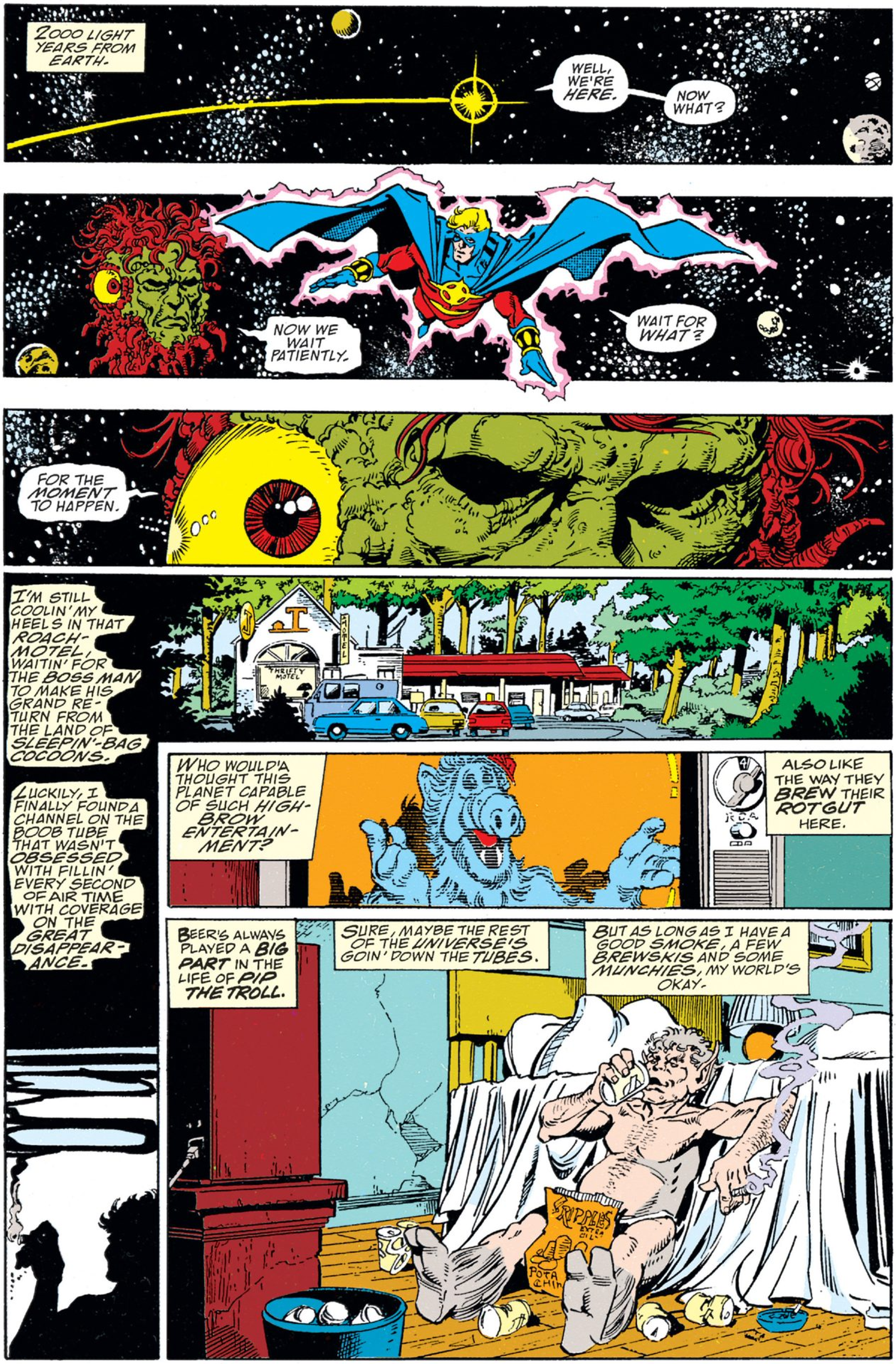
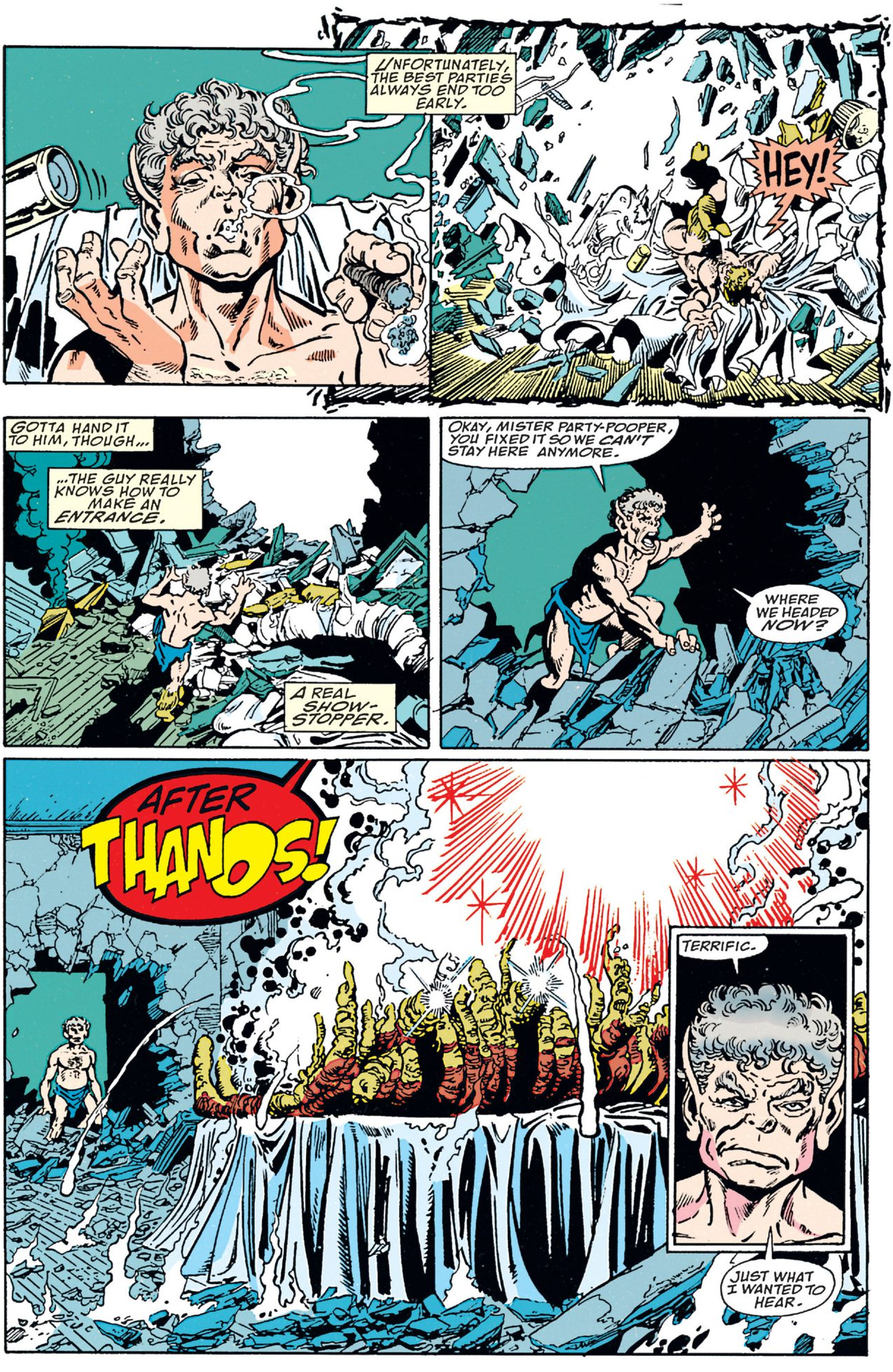
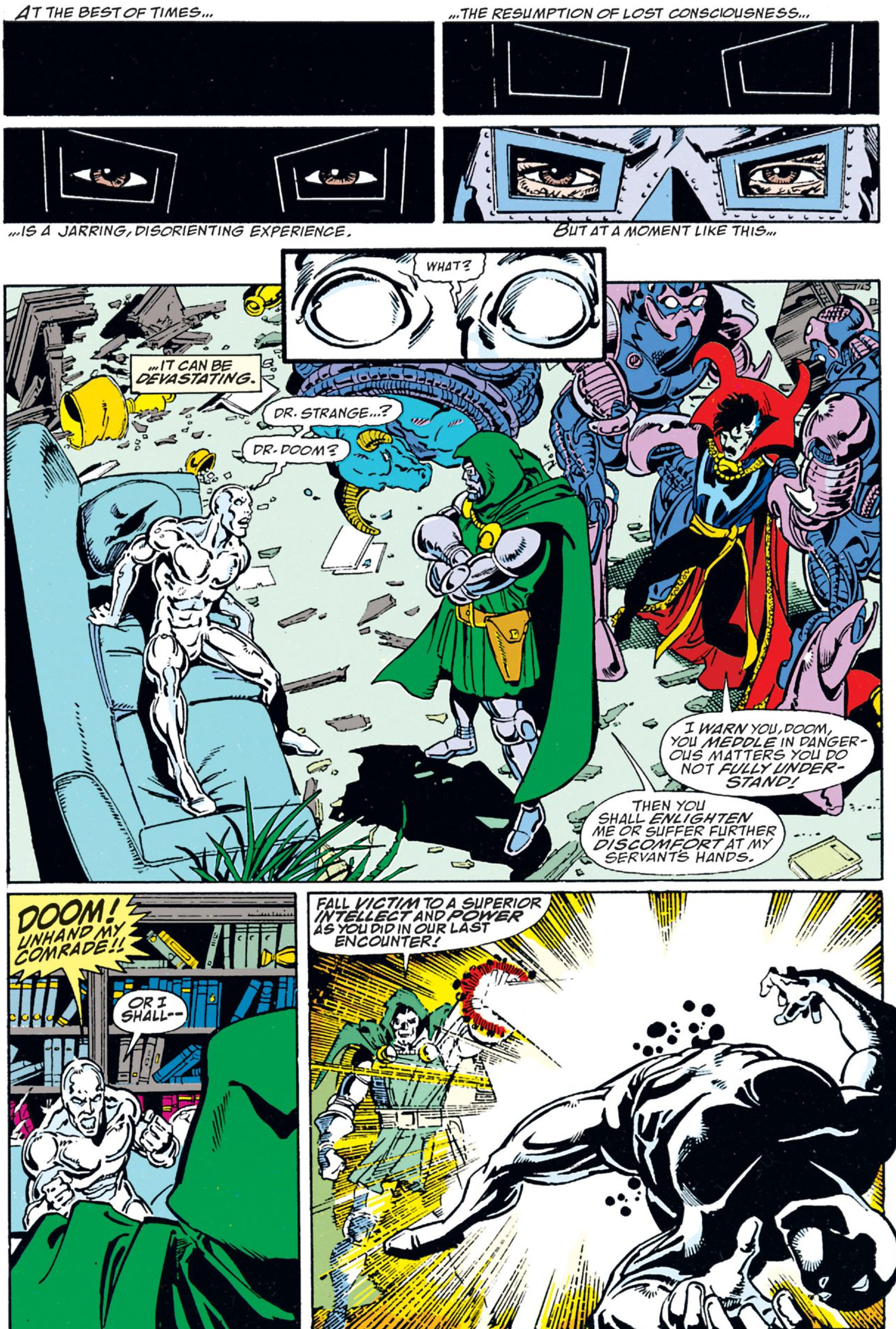
WINDSHEAR
HERE'S THE UPDATE ON THE TALLY OF DIS-APPEARED SUPER HEROES.
DISAPPEARED--DISAPPEARED--DISAPPEARED

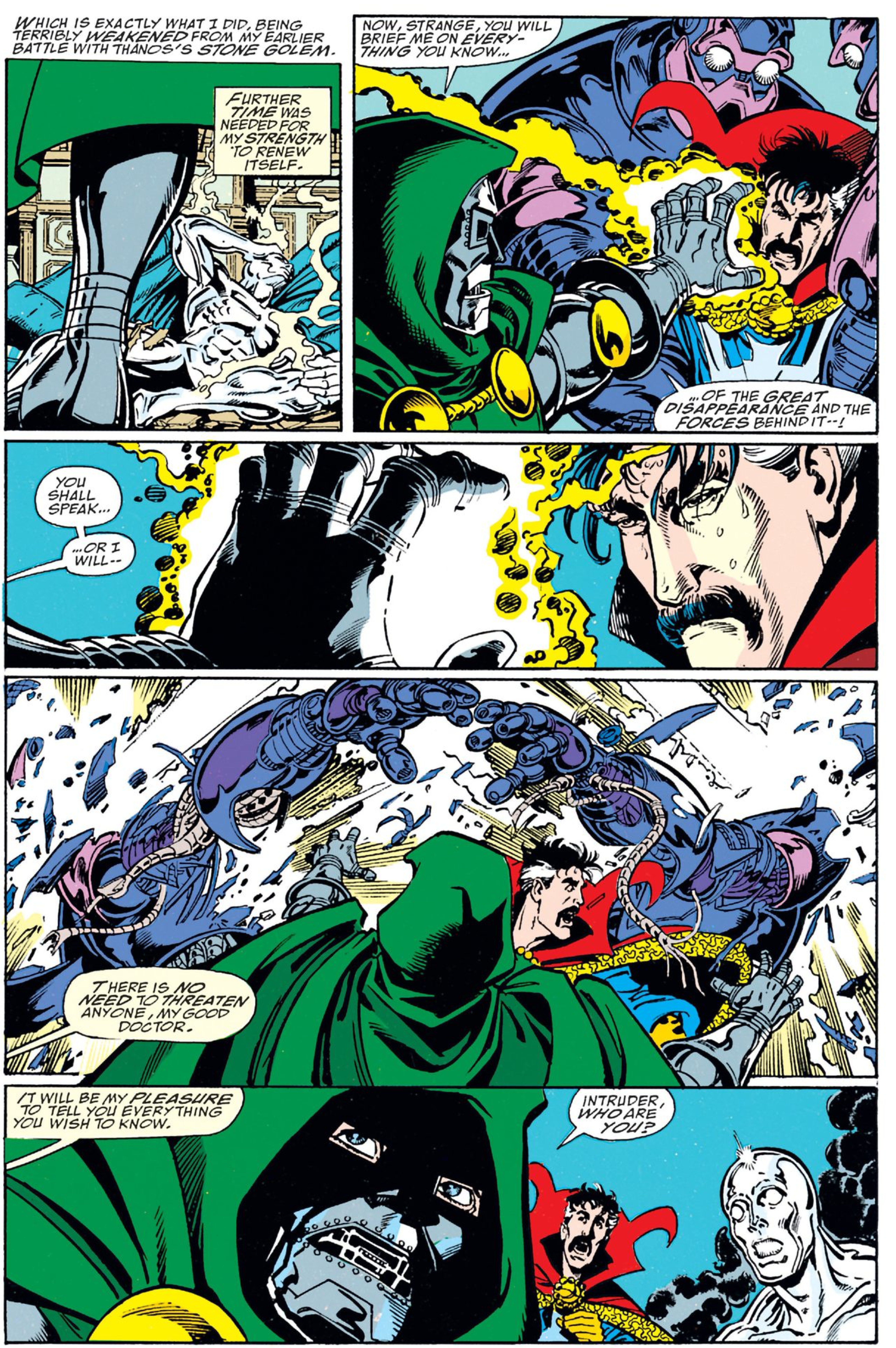

STILL NO WORD ON THE X-MEN OR EXCALIBUR?
NO. MAYBE THEY'RE OFF THE PLANET.
...EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THIS CHAOS I'VE GOT TO COVER THAT I'M NOT THE ORIGINAL THOR!
FEEL CRUMMY DOING THIS, BUT...
I FOUGHT BY THE SIDE OF MANY OF THOSE FALLEN.
THEY SHALT BE MOURNED DEEPLY.
THIS IS BAD.
REAL BAD.
IT DOESN'T GET ANY WORSE.
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT CAP...?
NO REPLY
"YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE?"
I, GREAT ODIN, DIDST WITNESS HALF MY PEOPLE VANISH IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE.
THE CEREMONIAL EYEPATCH OF SORROW DID I IMMEDIATELY DON.
AND I DID LOOK ABOUT AND SEE THIS CATASTROPHE WAS A UNIVERSAL PLAGUE.

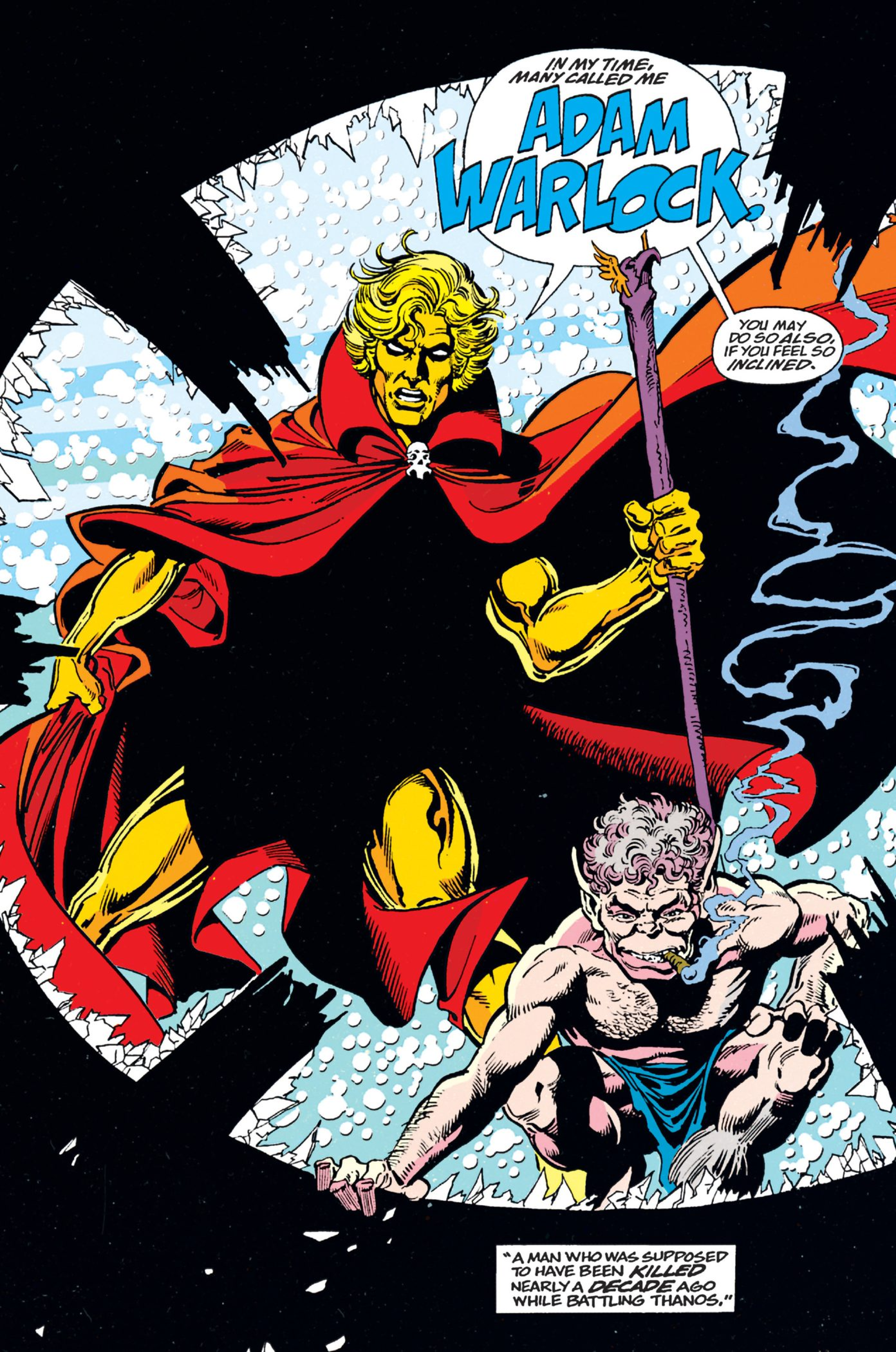

WHICH IS WHY I DID SUMMON YOU TO ASGARD, MY FELLOW SKY-FATHERS.
EACH OF YOU IS THE SUPREME LEADER OF A POPULATION OF DEITIES AND A MIGHTY POWER IN YOUR OWN RIGHT.
ZEUS, OF OLYMPUS.
THE MAYAN GOD, ITZAMNA.
TEZCATLIPOCA, THE AZTEC DEITY.
OSIRIS, OF EGYPT.
SVAROG, OF RUSSIA.
MANITOU, AN AMERICAN INDIAN SPIRIT.
THE CELTIC GOD, NUADA.
MY MYSTIC SENSES DO WARN THAT THE PERIL WE FACE IS OF SUCH IMMENSE POWER...
"...THAT IT SHALL TAKE OUR COMBINED MIGHT TO OVERCOME IT."
I FEEL THE SAME.
DA.
THEN LET IT BE AGREED THAT WE SHALT FACE OUR ENEMY AS A UNITED FIGHTING FORCE.
AND LET OUR FOE BEWARE.
THE SKY-FATHERS STAND AS ONE!
WE ARE WITH YOU, BROTHER ODIN.

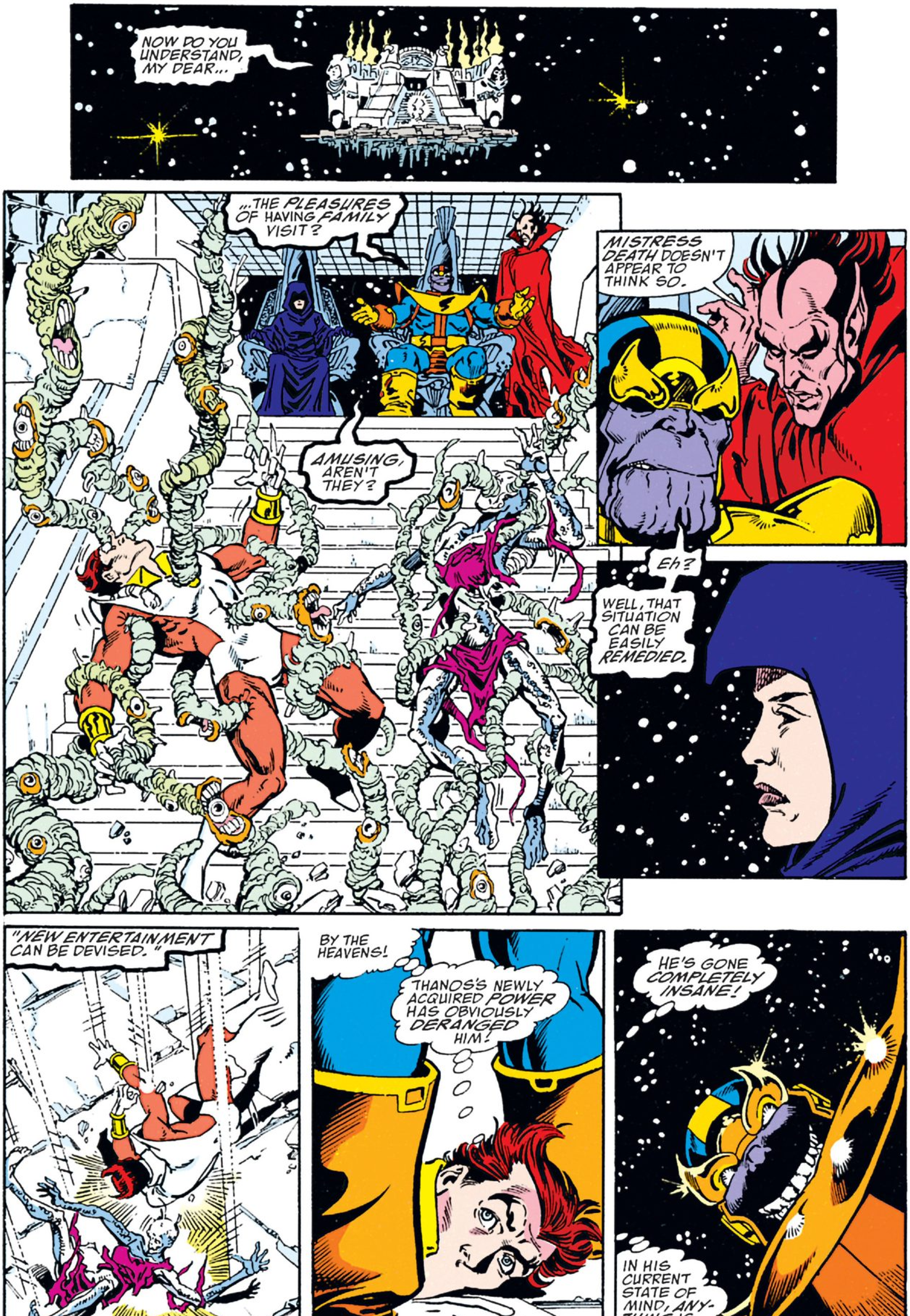

2000 LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH.
WELL, WE'RE *HERE*.
NOW WHAT?
NOW WE WAIT PATIENTLY.
WAIT FOR *WHAT*?
FOR THE *MOMENT* TO HAPPEN.
I'M STILL COOLIN' MY HEELS IN THAT *ROACH-MOTEL*, WAITIN' FOR THE *BOSS MAN* TO MAKE HIS GRAND RETURN FROM THE LAND OF *SLEEPIN'-BAG COCOONS*.
THRIFTY MOTEL
MOTEL
LUCKILY, I FINALLY FOUND A CHANNEL ON THE BOOB TUBE THAT WASN'T *OBSESSED* WITH FILLIN' EVERY SECOND OF AIR TIME WITH COVERAGE ON THE *GREAT DISAPPEARANCE*.
WHO WOULD'A THOUGHT THIS PLANET CAPABLE OF SUCH *HIGH-BROW ENTERTAINMENT*?
ALSO LIKE THE WAY THEY *BREW* THEIR *ROTGUT* HERE.
RCA
BEER'S ALWAYS PLAYED A *BIG PART* IN THE LIFE OF *PIP THE TROLL*.
SURE, MAYBE THE REST OF THE *UNIVERSE'S* GOIN' DOWN THE *TUBES*.
BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE A GOOD *SMOKE*, A FEW *BREWSKIS* AND SOME *MUNCHIES*, MY WORLD'S OKAY.
RIPPLES EXTRA OIL POTA CHIP

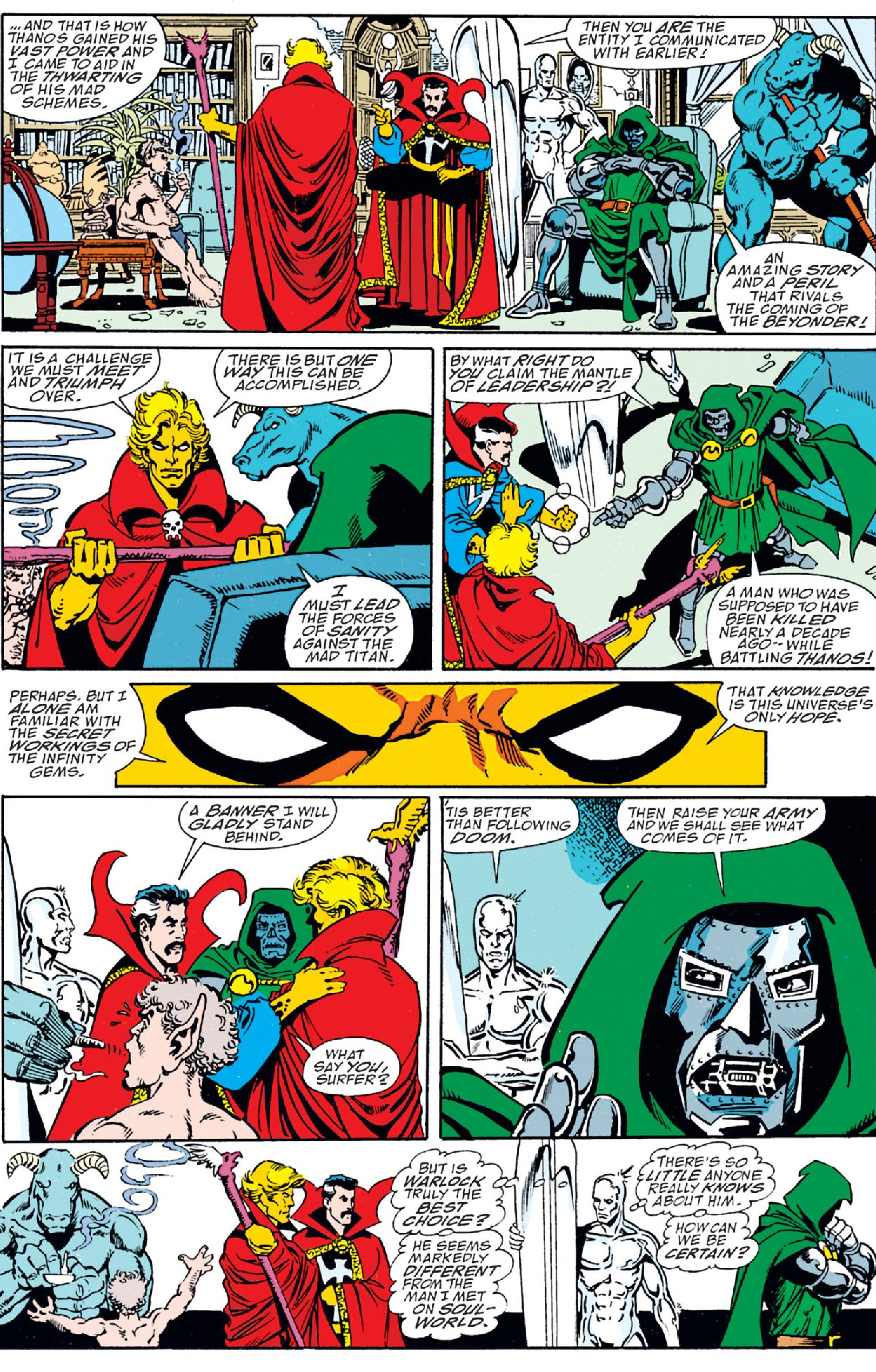

UNFORTUNATELY, THE BEST PARTIES ALWAYS END TOO EARLY.
HEY!
GOTTA HAND IT TO HIM, THOUGH...
...THE GUY REALLY KNOWS HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE.
A REAL SHOW-STOPPER.
OKAY, MISTER PARTY-POOPER, YOU FIXED IT SO WE CAN'T STAY HERE ANYMORE.
WHERE WE HEADED NOW?
AFTER THANOS!
TERRIFIC.
JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.

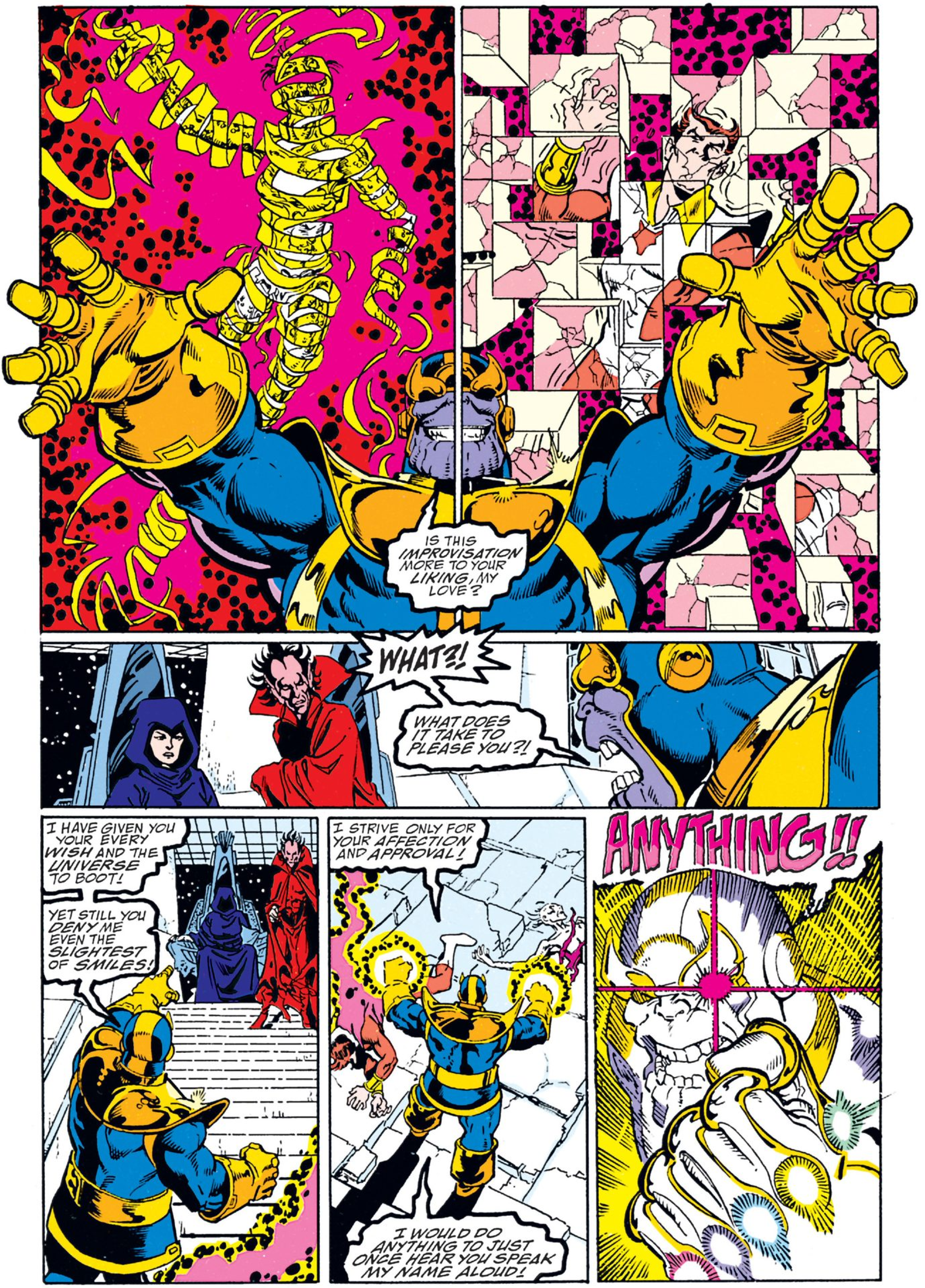

AT THE BEST OF TIMES...
...THE RESUMPTION OF LOST CONSCIOUSNESS...
...IS A JARRING, DISORIENTING EXPERIENCE.
BUT AT A MOMENT LIKE THIS...
WHAT?
...IT CAN BE DEVASTATING.
DR. STRANGE...?
DR. DOOM?
I WARN YOU, DOOM, YOU MEDDLE IN DANGEROUS MATTERS YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND!
THEN YOU SHALL ENLIGHTEN ME OR SUFFER FURTHER DISCOMFORT AT MY SERVANT'S HANDS.
DOOM! UNHAND MY COMRADE!!
OR I SHALL--
FALL VICTIM TO A SUPERIOR INTELLECT AND POWER AS YOU DID IN OUR LAST ENCOUNTER!

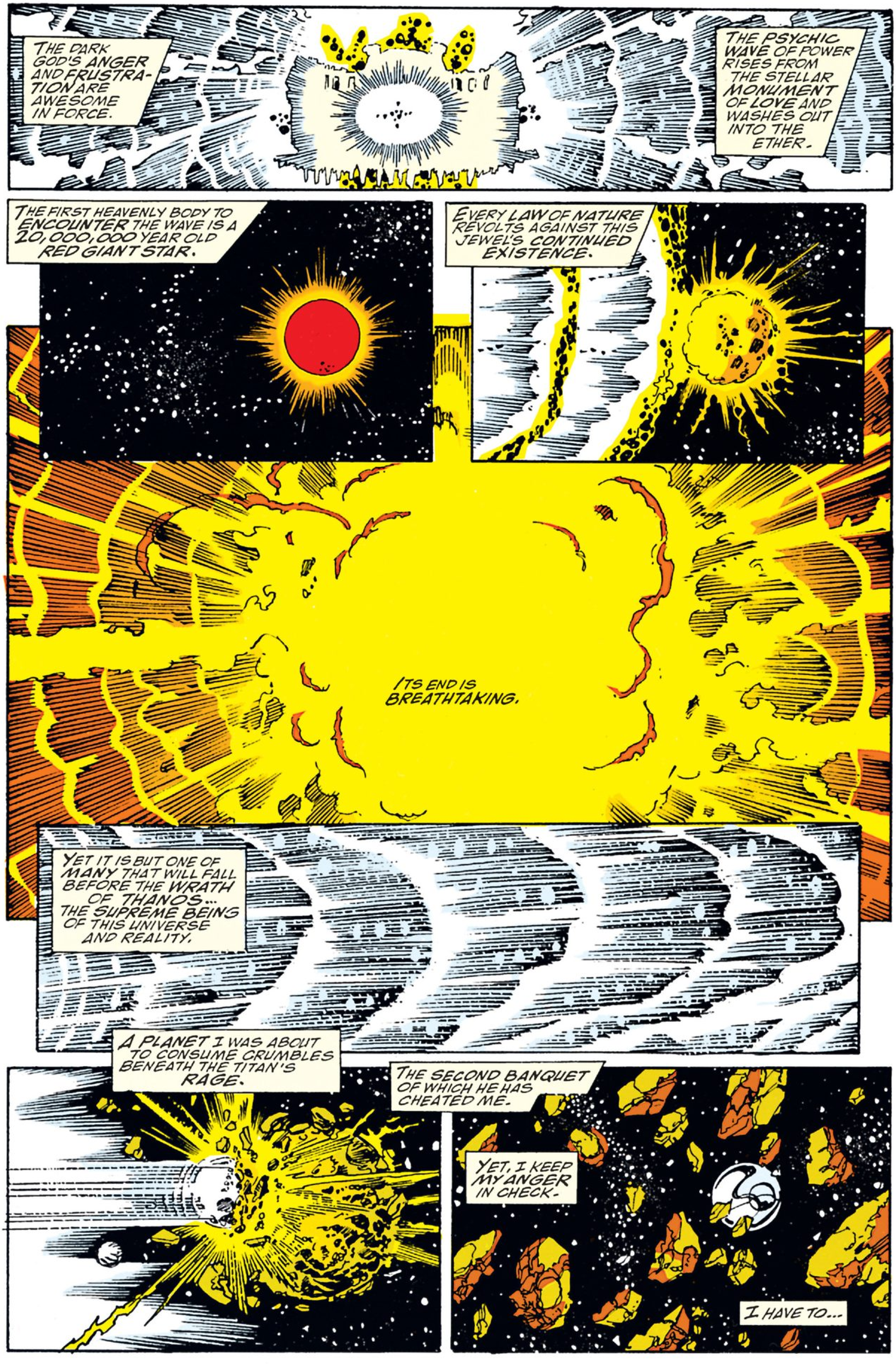

WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT I DID, BEING TERRIBLY WEAKENED FROM MY EARLIER BATTLE WITH THANOS'S STONE GOLEM.
FURTHER TIME WAS NEEDED FOR MY STRENGTH TO RENEW ITSELF.
NOW, STRANGE, YOU WILL BRIEF ME ON EVERYTHING YOU KNOW...
...OF THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE AND THE FORCES BEHIND IT--!
YOU SHALL SPEAK...
...OR I WILL--
THERE IS NO NEED TO THREATEN ANYONE, MY GOOD DOCTOR.
IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU WISH TO KNOW.
INTRUDER, WHO ARE YOU?

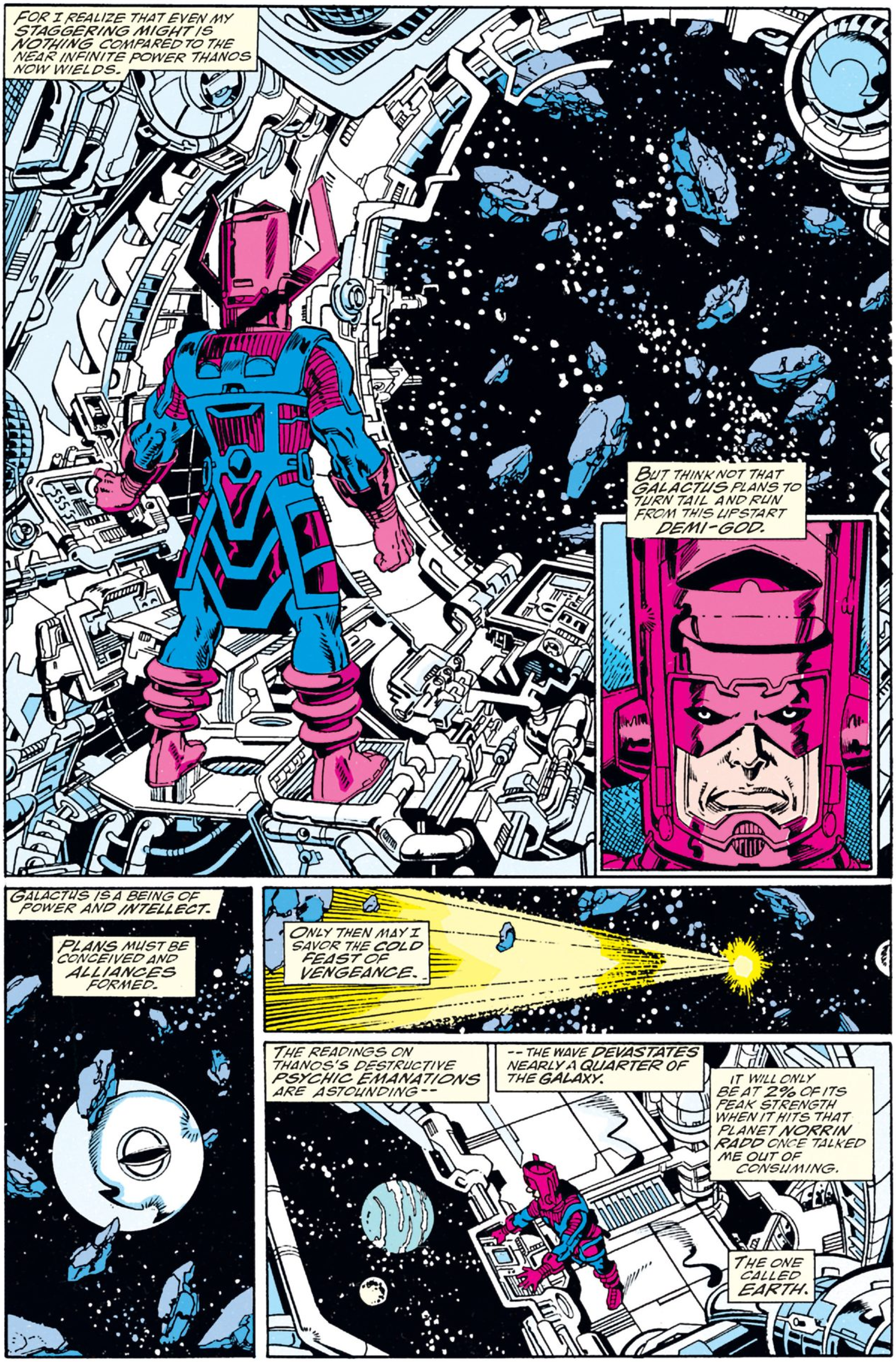

IN MY TIME, MANY CALLED ME ADAM WARLOCK.
YOU MAY DO SO ALSO, IF YOU FEEL SO INCLINED.
"A MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED NEARLY A DECADE AGO WHILE BATTLING THANOS."

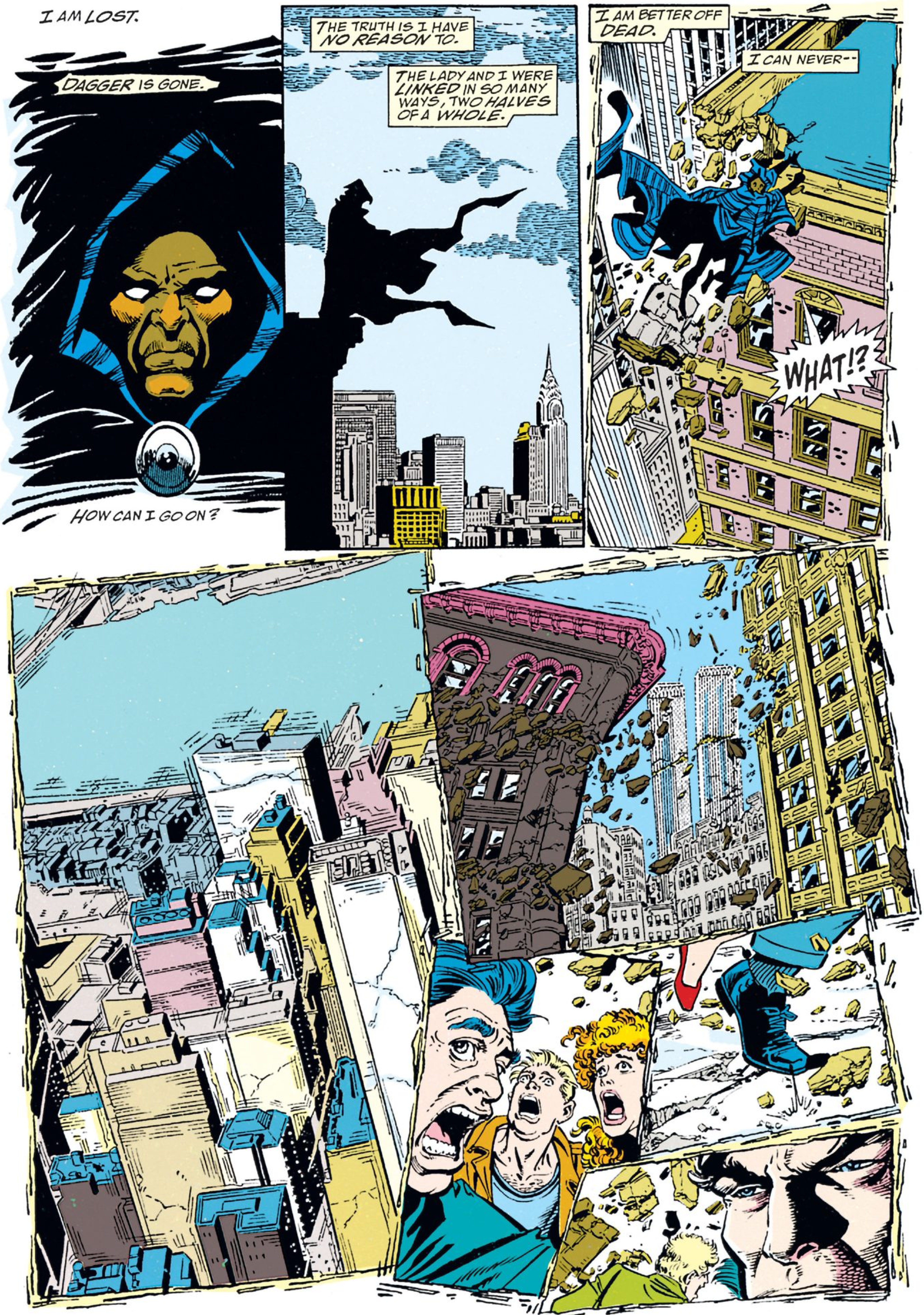

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MY DEAR...
...THE PLEASURES OF HAVING FAMILY VISIT?
AMUSING, AREN'T THEY?
MISTRESS DEATH DOESN'T APPEAR TO THINK SO.
Eh?
WELL, THAT SITUATION CAN BE EASILY REMEDIED.
"NEW ENTERTAINMENT CAN BE DEVISED."
BY THE HEAVENS!
THANOS'S NEWLY ACQUIRED POWER HAS OBVIOUSLY DERANGED HIM!
HE'S GONE COMPLETELY INSANE!
IN HIS CURRENT STATE OF MIND, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.
HE MIGHT, ON A WHIM, EVEN DESTROY THE UNIVERSE!

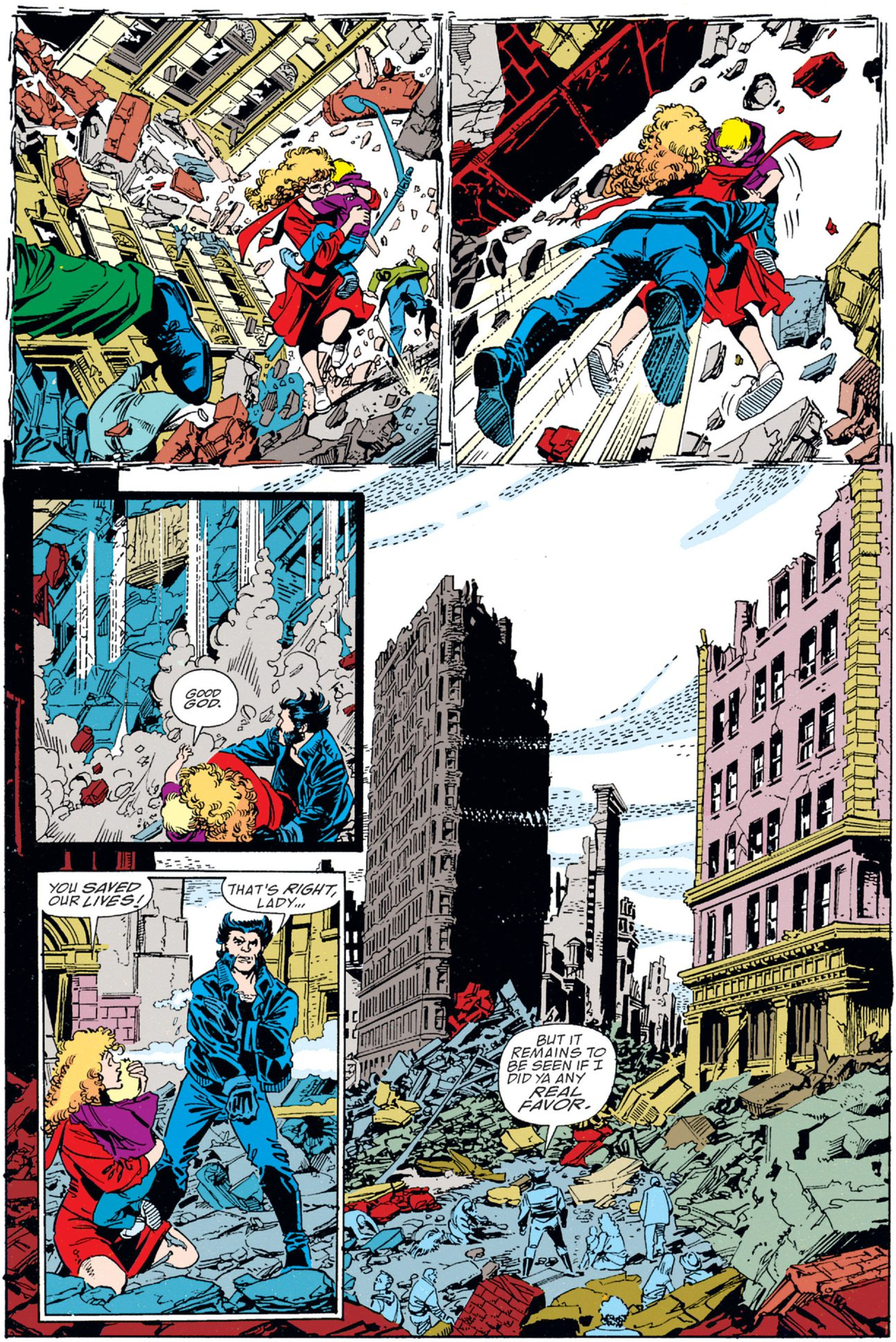

...AND THAT IS HOW THANOS GAINED HIS VAST POWER AND I CAME TO AID IN THE THWARTING OF HIS MAD SCHEMES.
THEN YOU ARE THE ENTITY I COMMUNICATED WITH EARLIER!
AN AMAZING STORY AND A PERIL THAT RIVALS THE COMING OF THE BEYONDER!
IT IS A CHALLENGE WE MUST MEET AND TRIUMPH OVER.
THERE IS BUT ONE WAY THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.
I MUST LEAD THE FORCES OF SANITY AGAINST THE MAD TITAN.
BY WHAT RIGHT DO YOU CLAIM THE MANTLE OF LEADERSHIP?!
A MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED NEARLY A DECADE AGO--WHILE BATTLING THANOS!
PERHAPS. BUT I ALONE AM FAMILIAR WITH THE SECRET WORKINGS OF THE INFINITY GEMS.
THAT KNOWLEDGE IS THIS UNIVERSE'S ONLY HOPE.
A BANNER I WILL GLADLY STAND BEHIND.
WHAT SAY YOU, SURFER?
TIS BETTER THAN FOLLOWING DOOM.
THEN RAISE YOUR ARMY AND WE SHALL SEE WHAT COMES OF IT.
BUT IS WARLOCK TRULY THE BEST CHOICE?
HE SEEMS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE MAN I MET ON SOUL-WORLD.
THERE'S SO LITTLE ANYONE REALLY KNOWS ABOUT HIM.
HOW CAN WE BE CERTAIN?

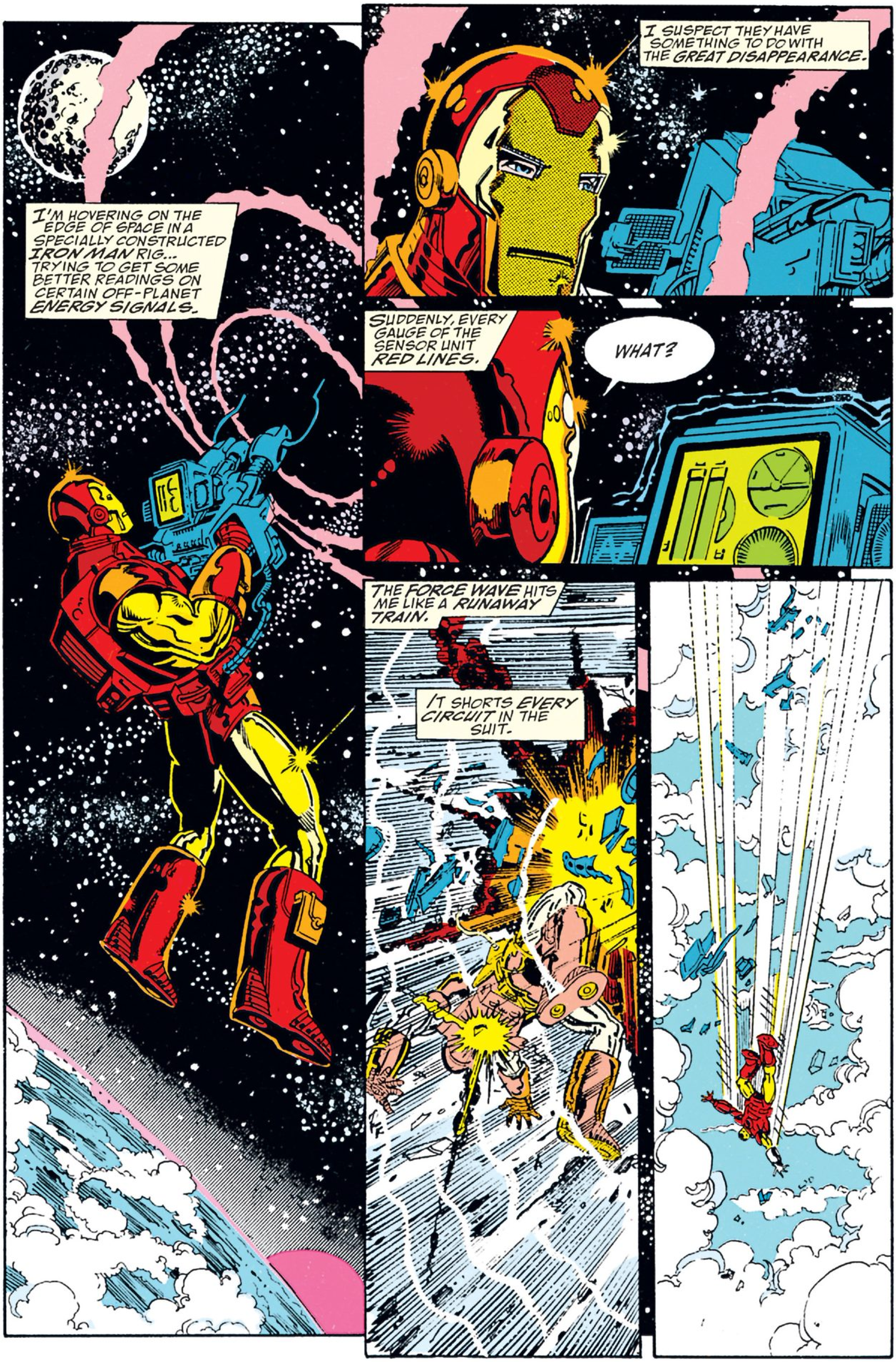

IS THIS *IMPROVISATION* MORE TO YOUR *LIKING*, MY LOVE?
WHAT?!
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO PLEASE YOU?!
I HAVE GIVEN YOU YOUR EVERY *WISH* AND THE *UNIVERSE* TO BOOT!
YET STILL YOU *DENY* ME EVEN THE *SLIGHTEST* OF *SMILES*!
I STRIVE ONLY FOR YOUR *AFFECTION* AND *APPROVAL*!
I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO JUST ONCE HEAR YOU SPEAK MY NAME ALOUD!
ANYTHING!!

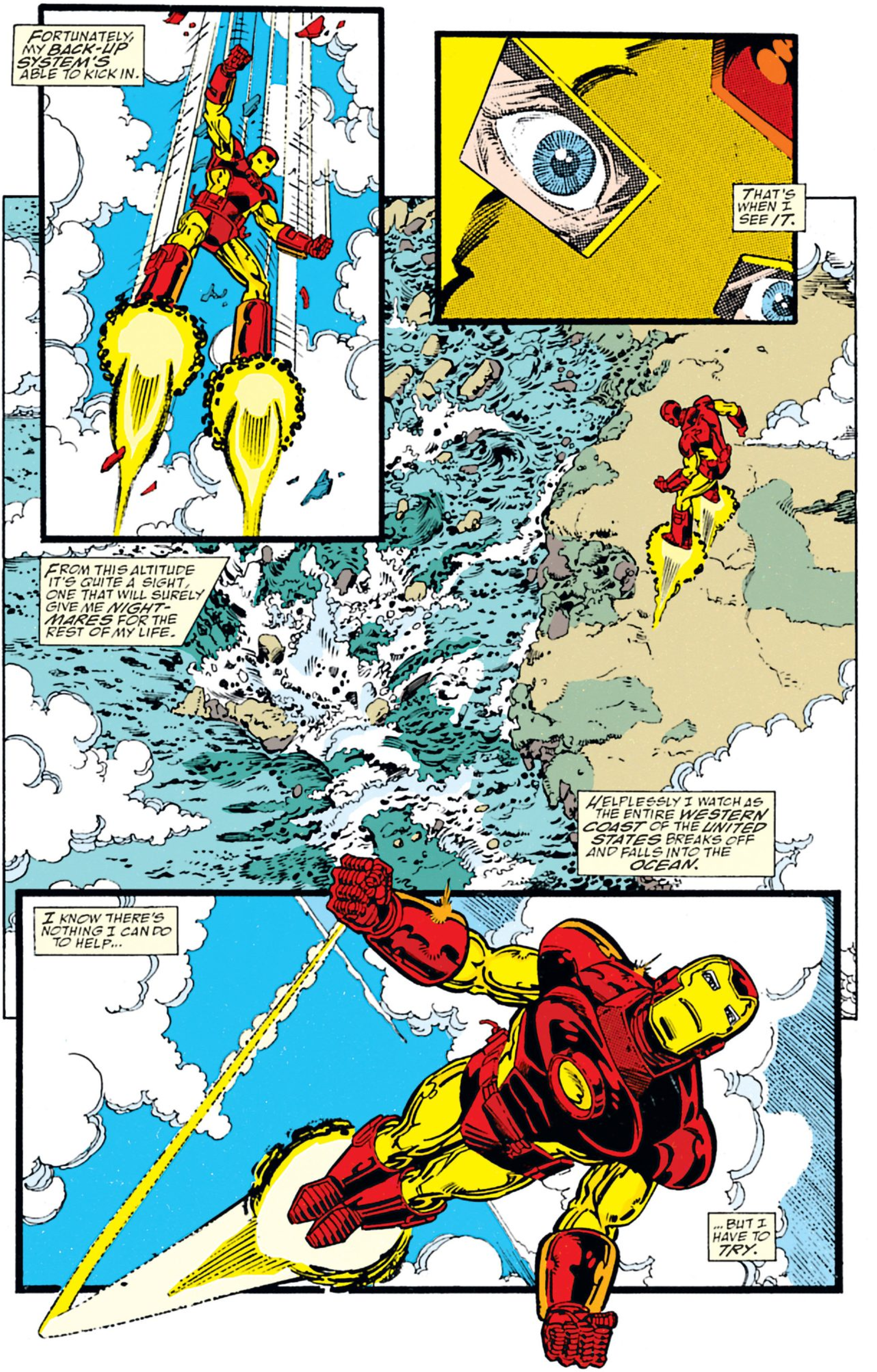

THE DARK GOD'S ANGER AND FRUSTRATION ARE AWESOME IN FORCE.
THE PSYCHIC WAVE OF POWER RISES FROM THE STELLAR MONUMENT OF LOVE AND WASHES OUT INTO THE ETHER.
THE FIRST HEAVENLY BODY TO ENCOUNTER THE WAVE IS A 20,000,000 YEAR OLD RED GIANT STAR.
EVERY LAW OF NATURE REVOLTS AGAINST THIS JEWEL'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE.
ITS END IS BREATHTAKING.
YET IT IS BUT ONE OF MANY THAT WILL FALL BEFORE THE WRATH OF THANOS... THE SUPREME BEING OF THIS UNIVERSE AND REALITY.
A PLANET I WAS ABOUT TO CONSUME CRUMBLES BENEATH THE TITAN'S RAGE.
THE SECOND BANQUET OF WHICH HE HAS CHEATED ME.
YET, I KEEP MY ANGER IN CHECK.
I HAVE TO...

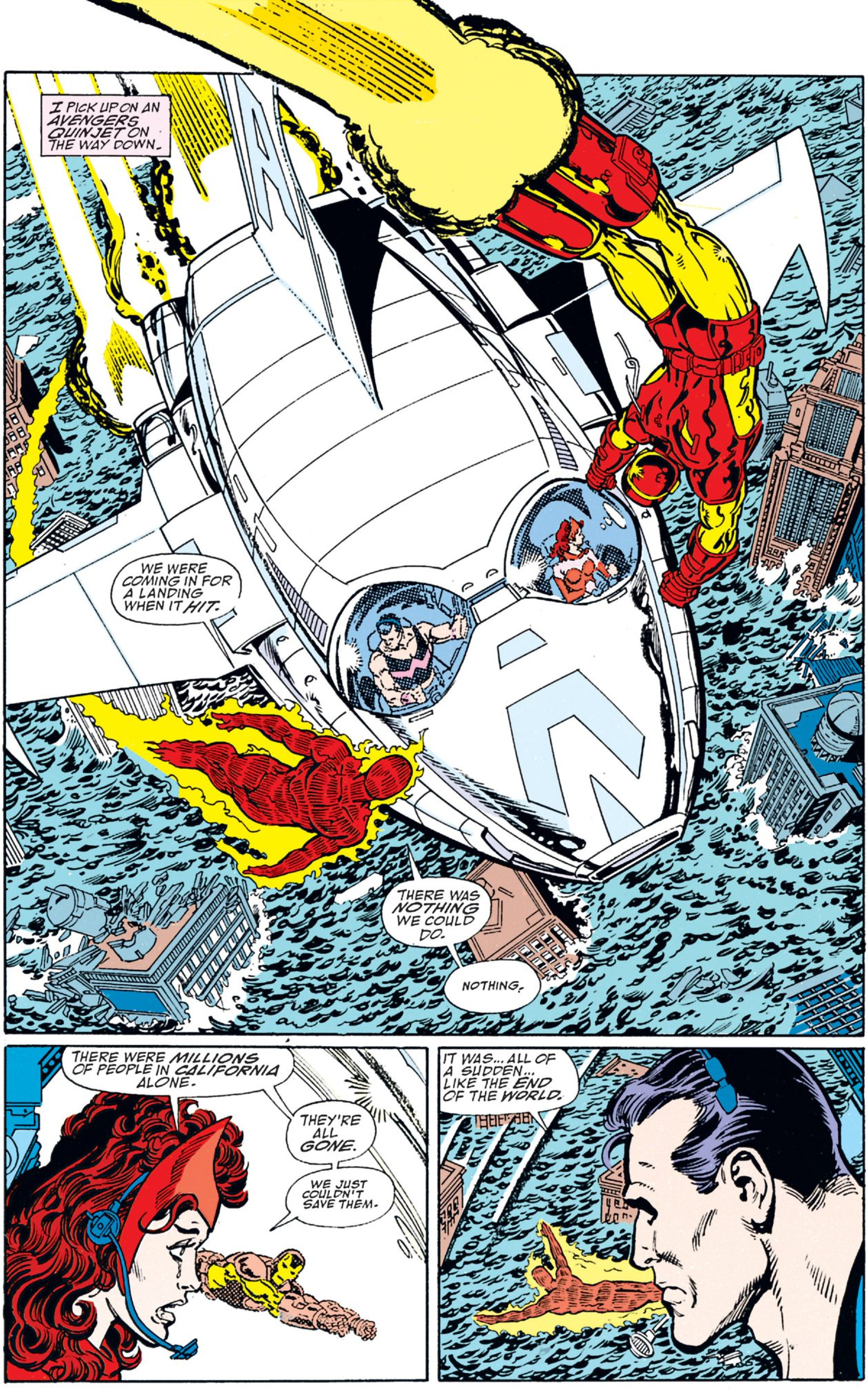

FOR I REALIZE THAT EVEN MY STAGGERING MIGHT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE NEAR INFINITE POWER THANOS NOW WIELDS.
BUT THINK NOT THAT GALACTUS PLANS TO TURN TAIL AND RUN FROM THIS UPSTART DEMI-GOD.
GALACTUS IS A BEING OF POWER AND INTELLECT.
PLANS MUST BE CONCEIVED AND ALLIANCES FORMED.
ONLY THEN MAY I SAVOR THE COLD FEAST OF VENGEANCE.
THE READINGS ON THANOS'S DESTRUCTIVE PSYCHIC EMANATIONS ARE ASTOUNDING--
--THE WAVE DEVASTATES NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE GALAXY.
IT WILL ONLY BE AT 2% OF ITS PEAK STRENGTH WHEN IT HITS THAT PLANET NORRIN RADD ONCE TALKED ME OUT OF CONSUMING.
THE ONE CALLED EARTH.

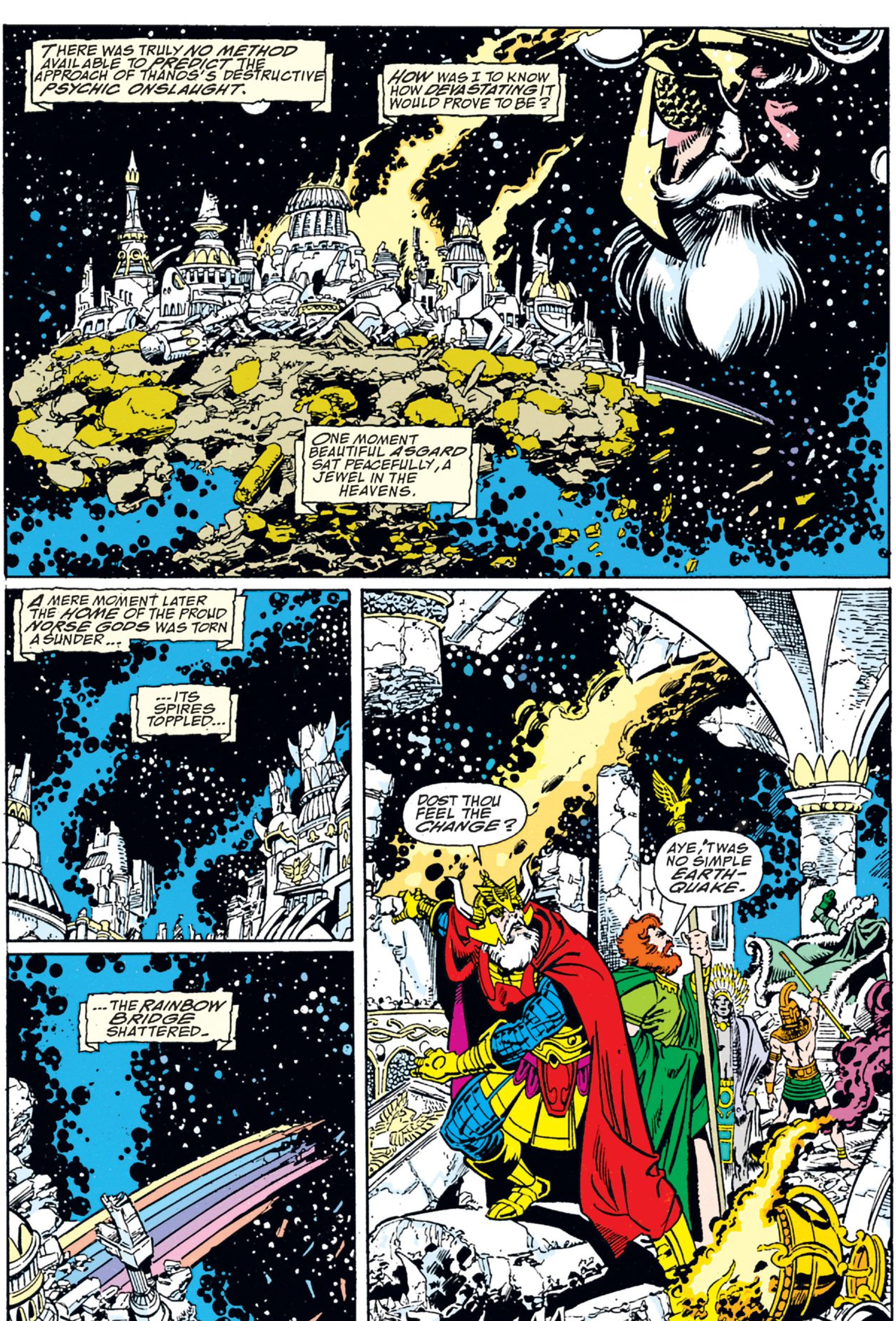

I AM LOST.
DAGGER IS GONE.
HOW CAN I GO ON?
THE TRUTH IS I HAVE NO REASON TO.
THE LADY AND I WERE LINKED IN SO MANY WAYS, TWO HALVES OF A WHOLE.
I AM BETTER OFF DEAD.
I CAN NEVER--
WHAT!?

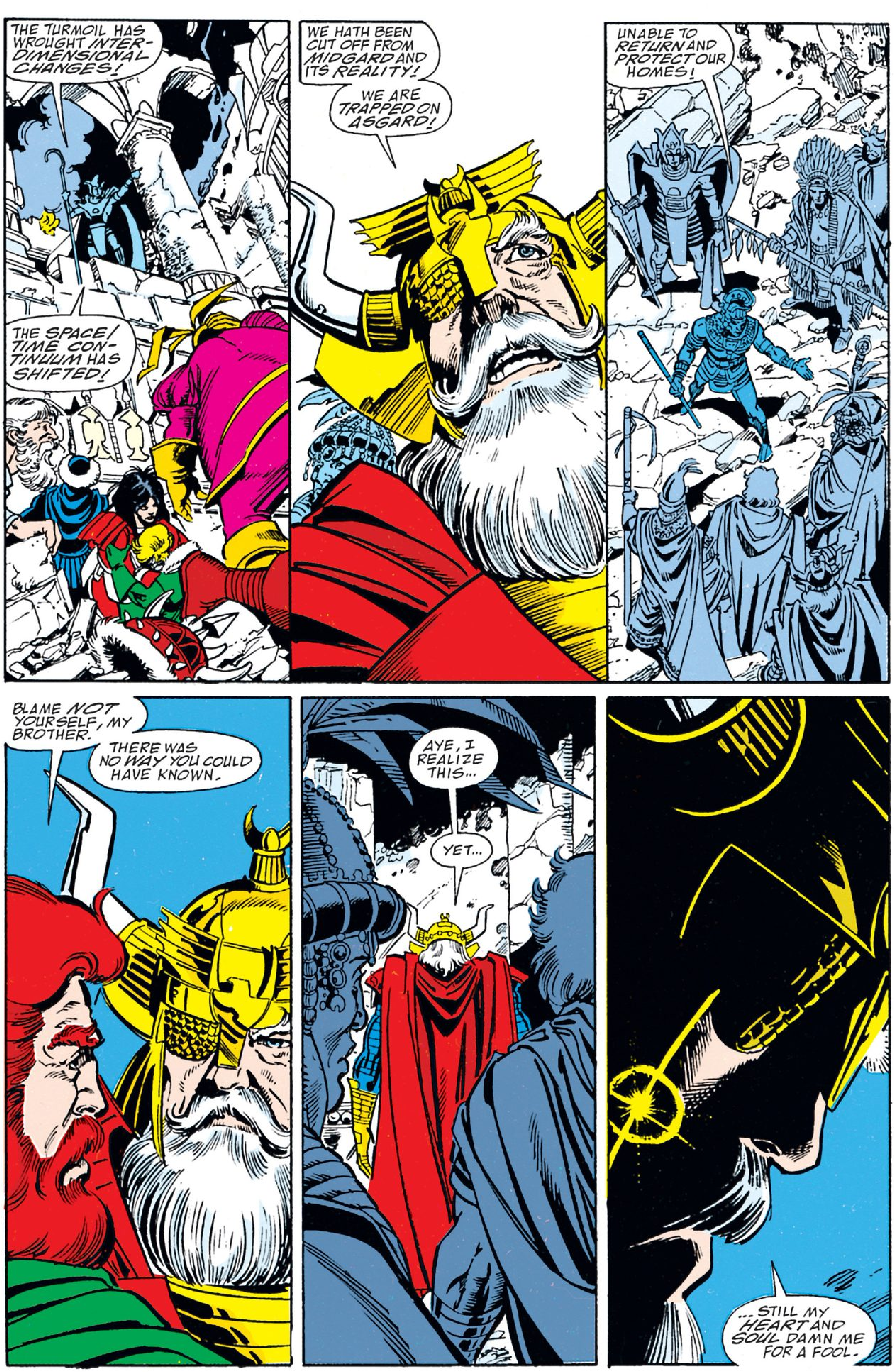

GOOD GOD.
YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!
THAT'S RIGHT, LADY...
BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF I DID YA ANY REAL FAVOR.

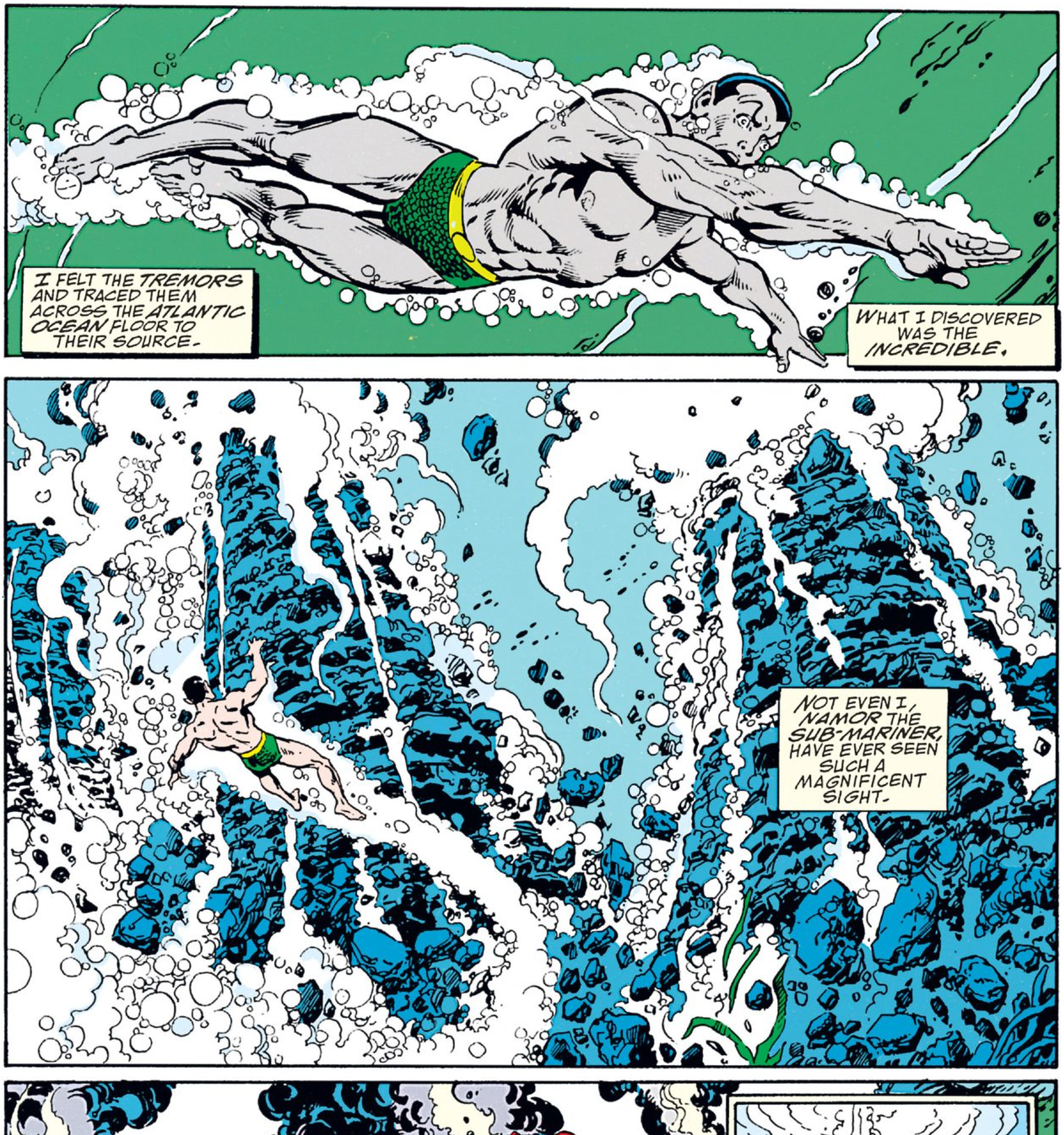

I'M HOVERING ON THE EDGE OF SPACE IN A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED IRON MAN RIG... TRYING TO GET SOME BETTER READINGS ON CERTAIN OFF-PLANET ENERGY SIGNALS.
I SUSPECT THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE.
SUDDENLY, EVERY GAUGE OF THE SENSOR UNIT RED LINES.
WHAT?
THE FORCE WAVE HITS ME LIKE A RUNAWAY TRAIN.
IT SHORTS EVERY CIRCUIT IN THE SUIT.

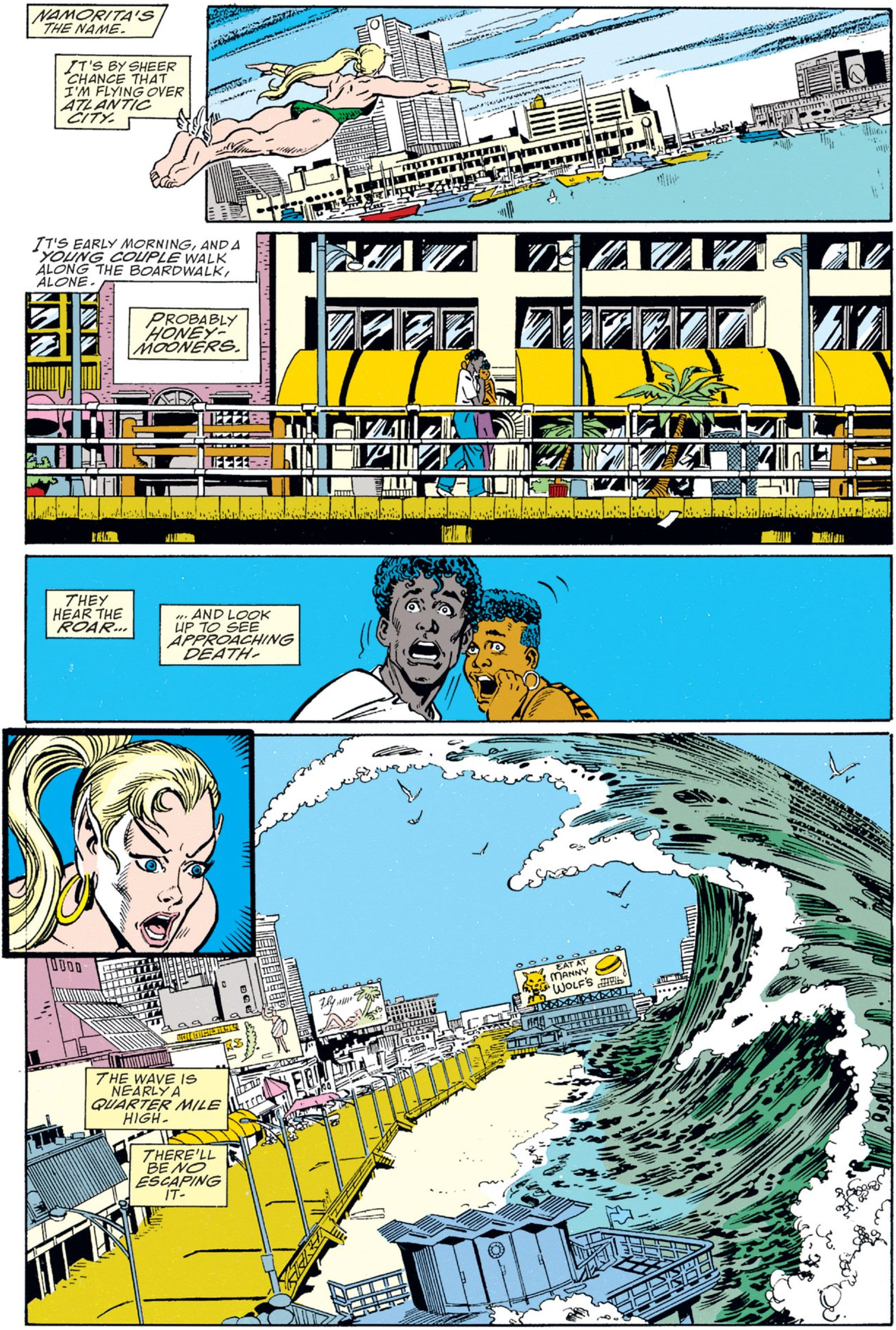

FORTUNATELY, MY BACK-UP SYSTEM'S ABLE TO KICK IN.
THAT'S WHEN I SEE IT.
FROM THIS ALTITUDE IT'S QUITE A SIGHT, ONE THAT WILL SURELY GIVE ME NIGHTMARES FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
HELPLESSLY I WATCH AS THE ENTIRE WESTERN COAST OF THE UNITED STATES BREAKS OFF AND FALLS INTO THE OCEAN.
I KNOW THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP...
...BUT I HAVE TO TRY.

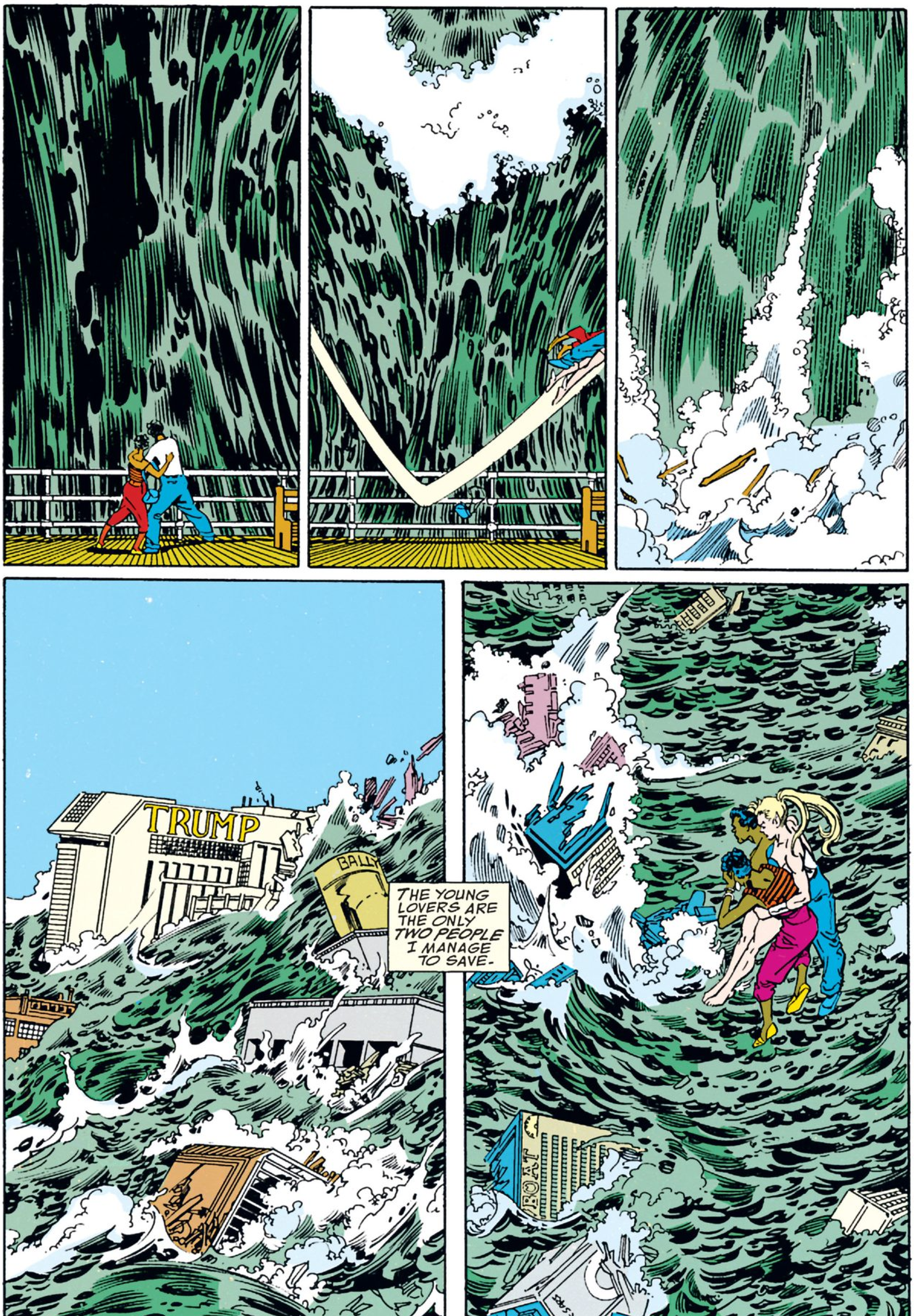

I PICK UP ON AN AVENGERS QUINJET ON THE WAY DOWN.
WE WERE COMING IN FOR A LANDING WHEN IT HIT.
THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO.
NOTHING.
THERE WERE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA ALONE.
THEY'RE ALL GONE.
WE JUST COULDN'T SAVE THEM.
IT WAS... ALL OF A SUDDEN... LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD.

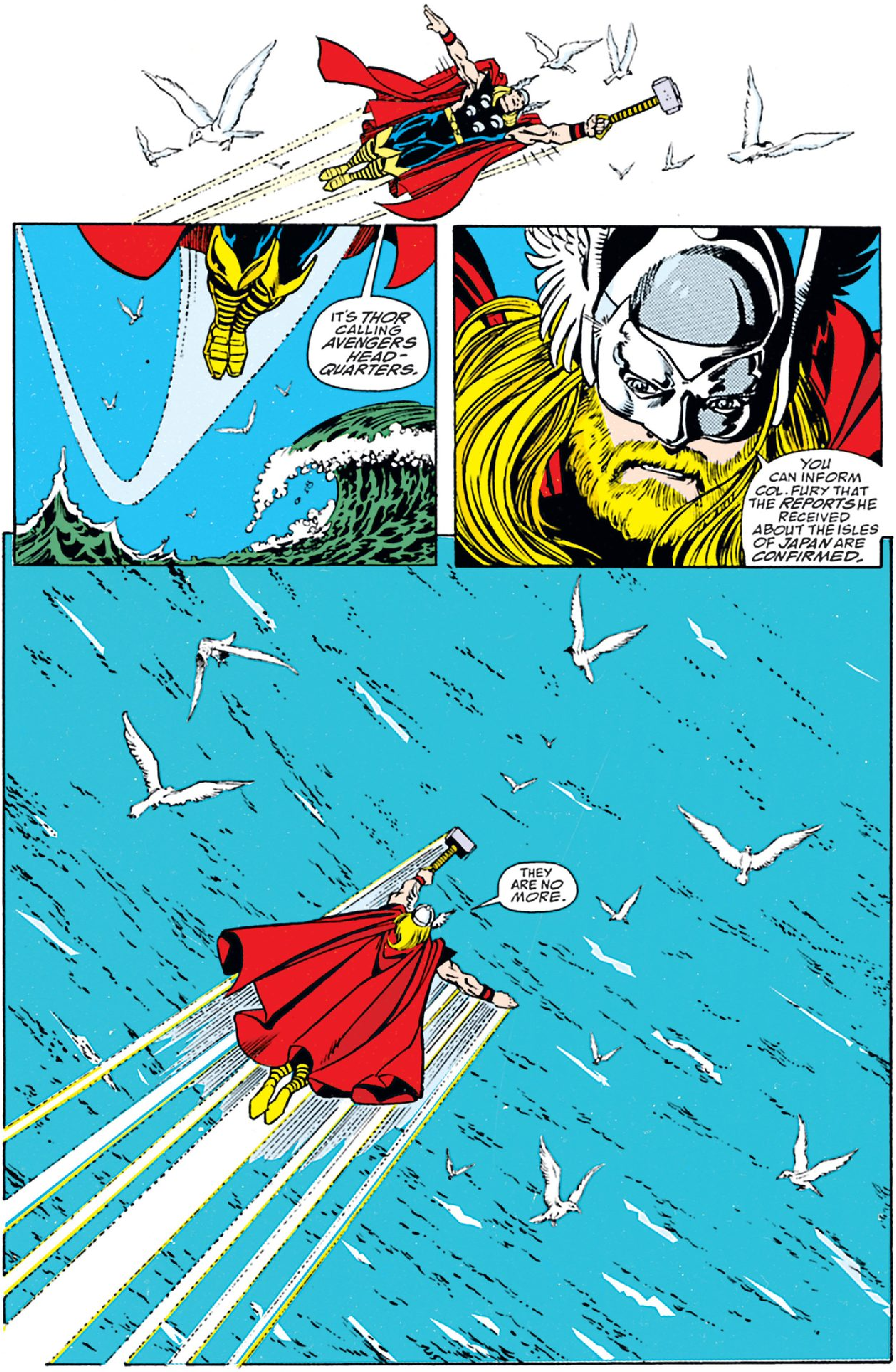

THERE WAS TRULY NO METHOD AVAILABLE TO PREDICT THE APPROACH OF THANOS'S DESTRUCTIVE PSYCHIC ONSLAUGHT.
HOW WAS I TO KNOW HOW DEVASTATING IT WOULD PROVE TO BE?
ONE MOMENT BEAUTIFUL ASGARD SAT PEACEFULLY, A JEWEL IN THE HEAVENS.
A MERE MOMENT LATER THE HOME OF THE PROUD NORSE GODS WAS TORN ASUNDER...
...ITS SPIRES TOPPLED...
...THE RAINBOW BRIDGE SHATTERED.
DOST THOU FEEL THE CHANGE?
AYE, 'TWAS NO SIMPLE EARTHQUAKE.

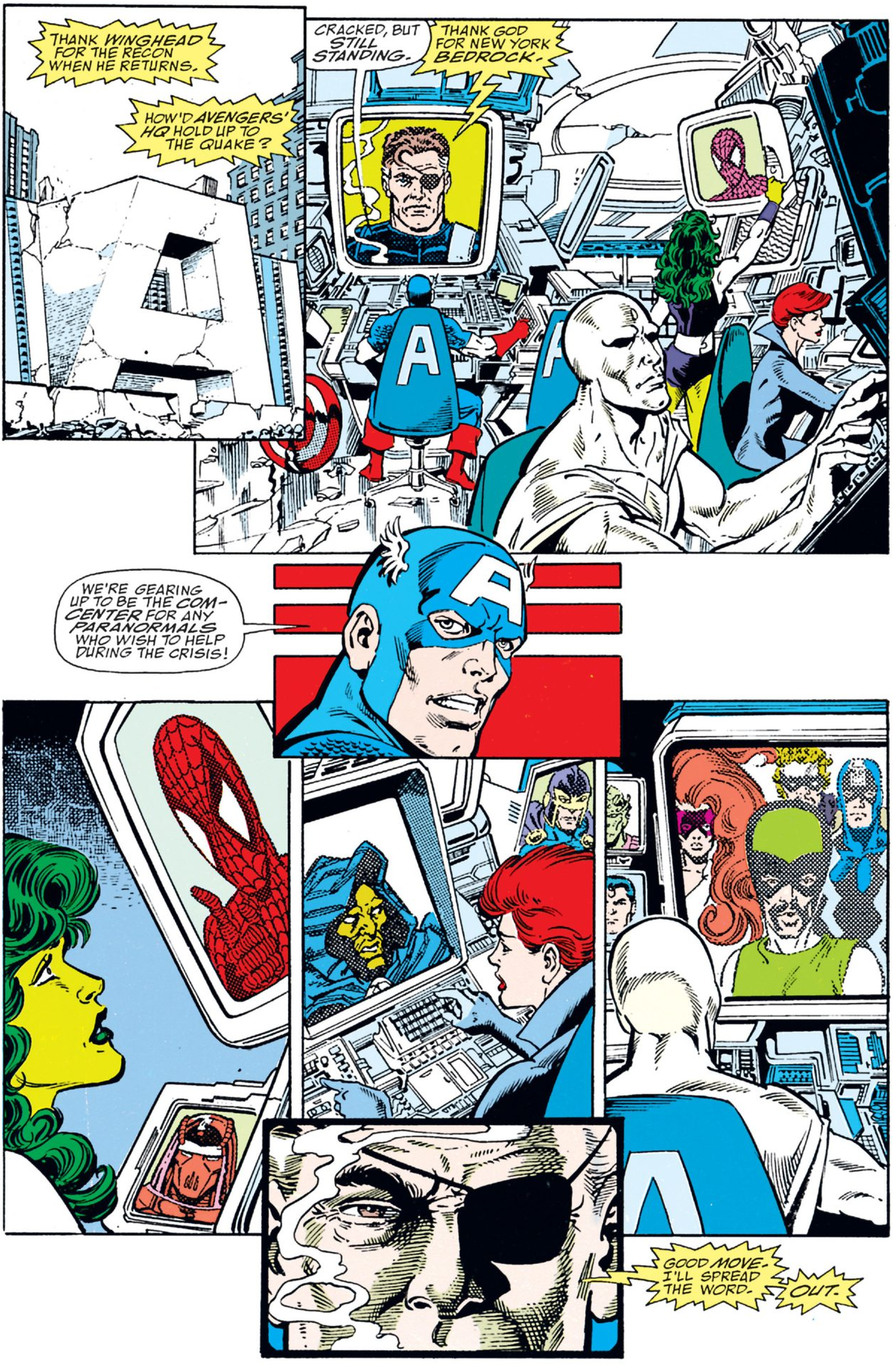

THE TURMOIL HAS WROUGHT *INTER-DIMENSIONAL CHANGES!*
THE *SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM* HAS *SHIFTED!*
WE HATH BEEN CUT OFF FROM *MIDGARD* AND ITS *REALITY!*
WE ARE *TRAPPED* ON *ASGARD!*
UNABLE TO *RETURN* AND *PROTECT* OUR HOMES!
BLAME *NOT* YOURSELF, MY BROTHER.
THERE WAS NO *WAY* YOU COULD HAVE KNOWN.
AYE, I REALIZE THIS...
YET...
...STILL MY *HEART* AND *SOUL* DAMN ME FOR A FOOL.

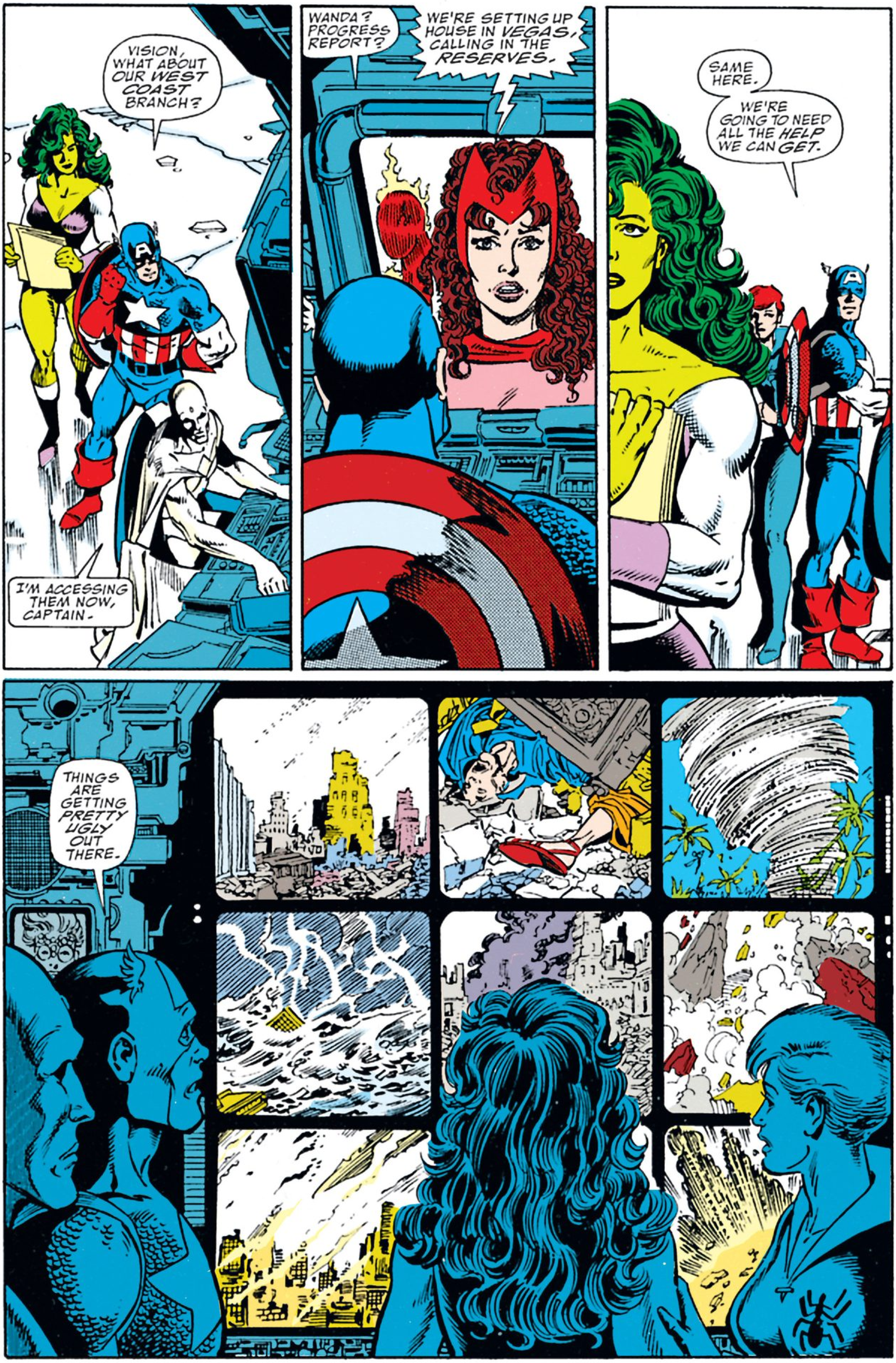

I FELT THE TREMORS AND TRACED THEM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN FLOOR TO THEIR SOURCE.
WHAT I DISCOVERED WAS THE INCREDIBLE.
NOT EVEN I, NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER, HAVE EVER SEEN SUCH A MAGNIFICENT SIGHT.
BUT THEN MY AWE IS TEMPERED BY THE REALIZATION THAT THE CREATION OF THESE ISLES WILL HAVE CATACLYSMIC RESULTS.
THERE WILL BE TIDAL WAVES, PROBABLY EVEN NOW HEADING TOWARD THE EASTERN COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.

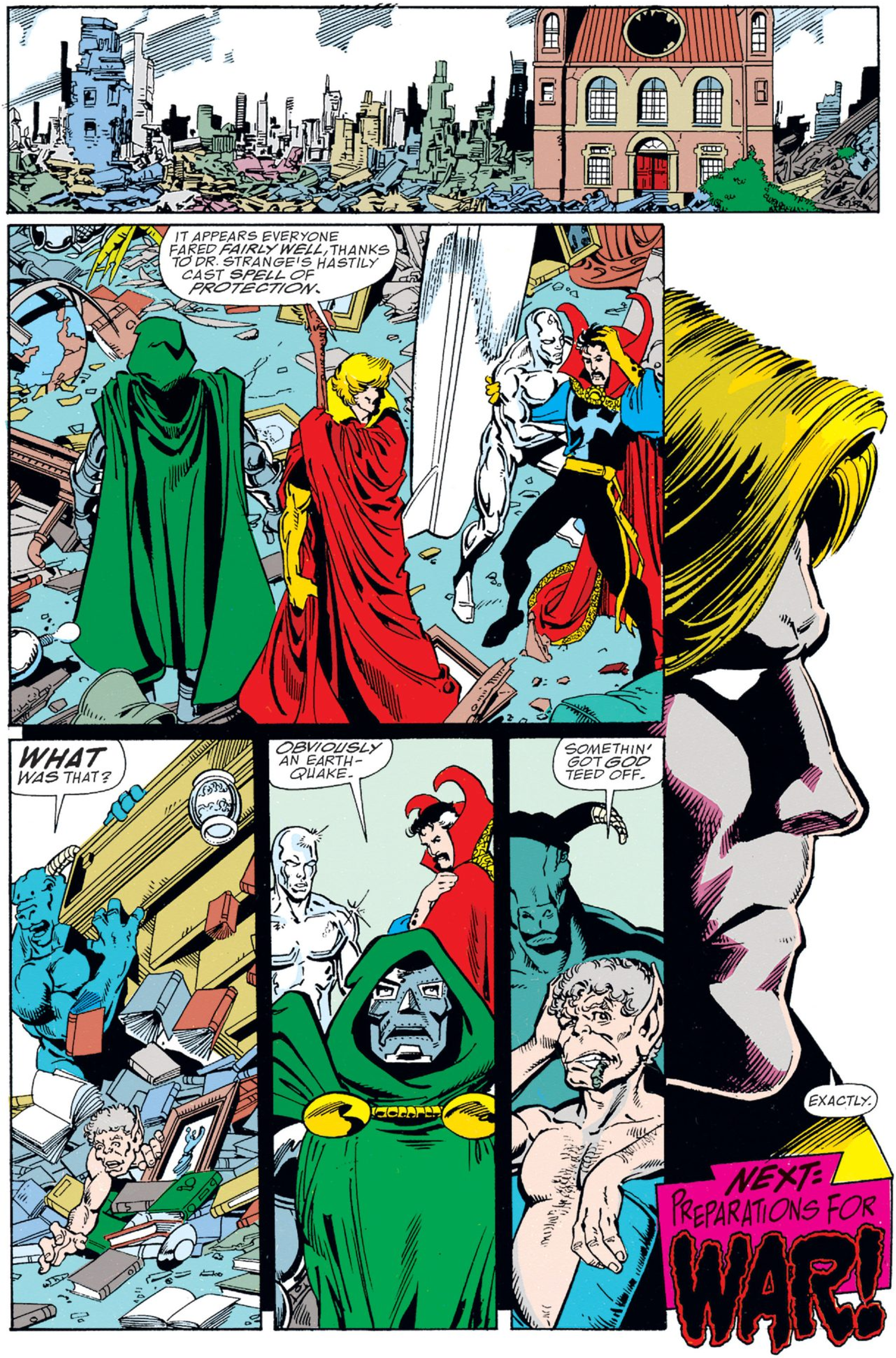

NAMORITA'S THE NAME.
IT'S BY SHEER CHANCE THAT I'M FLYING OVER ATLANTIC CITY.
IT'S EARLY MORNING, AND A YOUNG COUPLE WALK ALONG THE BOARDWALK, ALONE.
PROBABLY HONEYMOONERS.
THEY HEAR THE ROAR...
...AND LOOK UP TO SEE APPROACHING DEATH.
EAT AT MANNY WOLF'S
THE WAVE IS NEARLY A QUARTER MILE HIGH.
THERE'LL BE NO ESCAPING IT.


TRUMP
BALLY
THE YOUNG LOVERS ARE THE ONLY *TWO PEOPLE* I MANAGE TO SAVE.
CAESARS


IT'S THOR CALLING AVENGERS HEAD-QUARTERS.
YOU CAN INFORM COL. FURY THAT THE REPORTS HE RECEIVED ABOUT THE ISLES OF JAPAN ARE CONFIRMED.
THEY ARE NO MORE.


THANK WINGHEAD FOR THE RECON WHEN HE RETURNS.
HOW'D AVENGERS' HQ HOLD UP TO THE QUAKE?
CRACKED, BUT STILL STANDING.
THANK GOD FOR NEW YORK BEDROCK.
WE'RE GEARING UP TO BE THE COM-CENTER FOR ANY PARANORMALS WHO WISH TO HELP DURING THE CRISIS!
GOOD MOVE- I'LL SPREAD THE WORD-
OUT-


VISION, WHAT ABOUT OUR WEST COAST BRANCH?
I'M ACCESSING THEM NOW, CAPTAIN.
WANDA? PROGRESS REPORT?
WE'RE SETTING UP HOUSE IN VEGAS, CALLING IN THE RESERVES.
SAME HERE.
WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.
THINGS ARE GETTING PRETTY UGLY OUT THERE.


IT APPEARS EVERYONE FARED FAIRLY WELL, THANKS TO DR. STRANGE'S HASTILY CAST SPELL OF PROTECTION.
WHAT WAS THAT?
OBVIOUSLY AN EARTHQUAKE.
SOMETHIN' GOT GOD TEED OFF.
EXACTLY.
NEXT: PREPARATIONS FOR WAR!

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